

Mountain Community Mennonite Church

**Join Us - We share God's love by Following Jesus,
Reconciling Community, Building Peace**

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not grow faint."*

*He's
Risen!* **Easter Sunday**

Discovering God's Story, Entering God's Hope
March 27, 2016

**Pastor
Worship Leader
Song Leader**

**Paul Johnson
Dan Thiessen
Dennis Book**

Call to Discovery: "The End of the Beginning." As the people of God, we place our faith, trust, and hope in the resurrected Christ, who brings meaning to all unhappy endings by inviting us to a new beginning and a new hope – the hope of the happily-ever-after chapter. All the pages and chapters of our lives find their place within God's grand covenant narrative – a narrative that culminates in a powerful, glorious good news story in which the Author has redeemed, is redeeming, and will redeem us and the world forever!

WE GATHER

**Announcements
Time of Quieting**

Call to Worship
Leader: Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

**Welcome & Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns
Joys & Concerns**

**Dan Thiessen
HWB 269, 275**

**Offering and Prayer
Hymn
Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation
All: Hispanic Creed**

**Dan Thiessen
HWB 276
STJ 135**



Decorating the cross with flowers

Scriptures

Luke 23:30-37

Luke 24:1-6

Sermon

“The Tree of Life”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song

HWB 280

Sending Prayer

Your worship service today was planned by the MCMC Worship Commission.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Prayer Circle, Sundays @8:45–9:00AM. All are welcome!
- The Pastor will be out of the office during the week of March 27 – April 2. Please call to set an appointment for the following week.
- Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men’s Coffee each Saturday at 8 AM at Serrano’s.
- Each Saturday “More than a Meal Ministries” 8:00 AM at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N Walnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



March 30 Dean Williams

April 4 Linda & Rick Pankratz anniversary

April 5 Fran Yoder

April 6 Mary Gardner and Dar Barrie

April 13 Faye Brenneman

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

-Congregational meeting, Sunday, April 17, during Discovery Hour. The meeting will be brief, but it is important **all who are able attend. Please mark your calendars!**

-The 2016 MSMC Faith & Life Forum, “**Dreaming in Color,**” will be **Saturday, April 16**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Evergreen Lake House, 29612 Upper Bear Lake Creek Rd. Evergreen, CO. Join us for a time of fun, worship, sharing and dreaming about our conference as we focus on Acts 6 and our guiding text, Luke 1:76-79. All are welcome. Bring a set of colored pencils and wear your favorite color. Please RSVP by April 11 to Karen Martin at administrator@MountainStatesMC.org. If you need childcare or could help underwrite the costs of this event, please contact Karen.

-**MCSS Volunteer Spring Tea:** May 3, 4-6 PM at MCMC. 

-**Shane Claiborne**, nationally-acclaimed Christian author and speaker, will be speaking at the Raw Tools Fundraiser at Beth-El Mennonite Church on the evening of Saturday, April 23. Seating is limited; RSVP to the MCMC church office by Friday, April 1st at 481-3155. **Our worship on April 24 will be combined with the Beth-El congregation at Beth-El Mennonite. Shane will also be speaking at the Sunday service. Worship Commission encourages you to mark this date!**

-  Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7 for a **Community Picnic** fundraiser event at MCMC from 10-1. **Raw Tools** will be demonstrating how "swords" are made into "plowshares" or maybe guns into tools. Smoked turkey sandwiches and homemade ice cream will be available for purchase, benefiting Silver Key and Mountain Community Senior Services programming. Beth-El Mennonite Church will also be invited to join us. Come and bring your friends and neighbors!

- Summer is getting closer and it's time to register for summer camp at **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**. New for 2016 is Sibling/Multiple Camp Discount, which applies if one child attends multiple camps or if siblings attend camp. Again the summer, save \$20 by registering before June 1. Wilderness camps are a great opportunity for campers to experience God's creation in a unique and adventurous way!

-Todd Wynward will be leading a "**Rewilding the Way Wilderness Trek**," July 1-9 outside of Taos, climbing the Sangre de Cristo range and plunging into the Rio Grande Gorge. This is a mountain and river adventure designed for adult spiritual formation (ages 19+). Cost is \$395 for eight days; there are several scholarships available. For more info, see Paul Johnson.

IN THE KNOW

-Check out **The Gathering Place**, an interactive website for Anabaptist youth leaders to find connection, networking, mentoring, and spiritual formation. Join us for book studies, study circles and webinars, or watch archived videos and listen to podcasts. Recent topics include a webinar on today's media and its impact on our youth, a discussion on contemporary Anabaptist peace witness and a podcast on bullying:
www.thegatheringplace.us

-**More Than a Meal** — Hadley Hiebert is halfway to her goal of collecting 200+ bags of soap for her laundry soap drive. Please place 3 bags of laundry soap into a larger plastic bag, along with a card of greeting for the recipient. These will be handed out at the weekly breakfast. Thanks for helping!

- Village Arts of Colorado Springs is excited to announce auditions for Gilbert & Sullivan's "**The Pirates of Penzance**," to be presented June 30, July 1-2. Auditions are scheduled for March 28-30. If interested in auditioning, you can find info on the Village Arts website: www.VillageArtsCS.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Be sure to sign **Don Brenneman's Caring Bridge website**, www.caringbridge.org/visit/donbrenneman. (Site name: donbrenneman) Also, please sign up for a meal for the Brennemans; they request mild dinners of any type. Please talk with Paul Johnson about this ongoing meal need and ministry.

-Senior meals at MCMC - **Golden Circle Senior Nutrition** - begin April 4, continuing indefinitely, 5 days/week. Preparation each day will begin at 10 AM and will be finished at 1 PM.

-**#MennoLove** ... get involved! Would you like to be part of Mennonite Church USA's new storytelling project, **Love is a Verb**? We're exploring the idea of love in action — highlighting stories of individuals, families, congregations, communities and agencies across Mennonite Church USA, who are living out the transformative love of Christ all around them. Write for the Menno Snapshots blog, submit a feature story idea or congregational service snapshot, nominate a love song of the month, or tell us what you think "love is..." at mennoniteusa.org/mennolove.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

-MCC Central States has two positions open; help us spread the word!

*The MCC Central States Executive Director position is available starting in June. This full-time position job description can be found at: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executivedirector-cs>.

The Office Manager/Bookkeeper position is available starting in April at the MCC office in N Newton, Kansas. Position is 32 hours/week, and a full job description can be found at: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/office-managerbookkeepercentralstates> Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.



Sermon Notes

1. Looking *up*: Jesus gives us His last teaching in this life: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." To whom is He speaking?
2. Looking *in*: The angels respond on Easter Morning, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" To whom are they speaking?
3. Looking *out*: Jesus gives a prophecy to those who follow His Way. What is it?