

Mountain Community Mennonite Church

Welcome Friends!



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.”*

Discovering God’s Story, Entering God’s Hope
April 17, 2016

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Worship Leader
Song Leader

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WE GATHER

Announcements
Time of Quietening
Welcome

Call to Worship

We praise Creation’s God:
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!
Let each single voice praise God:
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!
Let all voices together praise God:
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!
Let the great multitude of nations praise God:
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!
With all Creation, we praise God:
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns
Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns
Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 23)

ONE: How often we pray the 23rd Psalm, and take personal comfort in its images of peace and safety. And yet at the heart of the Psalm is an image of great danger – “the valley of the shadow of death.” These Easter days, we ponder this powerful image. Are not many of the “valleys of the shadow of death” we experience of human making?

ALL: We have faith in the God of Light.

ONE: In what way is God present in these “valleys of death?” How may we experience God’s leading and protecting as we venture through risky activities of faith? Where do we feel God’s vulnerable Shepherd-Lamb calling us to take a risk for healing and hope?

ALL: We have faith in the God of Renewal.

Assurance of Grace

ONE: After reflecting on this familiar Psalm in a new light, let’s recite it together, as our assurance of God’s presence and grace not only in our personal lives, but in our shared lives and faith:

ALL: God is my Shepherd, I shall not want. God makes me lie down in green pastures, and leads me beside still waters; restoring my soul. God leads me in the path of righteousness for the sake of God’s name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of God my whole life long.

Scriptures
Sermon

Luke 17:5-6
“Mustard Seed Faith”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song
Sending Prayer

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



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Karen Lichlyter-Klein	9 Karen & Richard Lichlyter-Klein
10 Codi Inloes	14 Jan Preheim
15 Kim & Steve Hiebert	19 Barb & Jake Eichelberger
22 Karen Weins & Lynn Roth	24 Meredith Oakes
25 Terri Inloes, Dean Williams	

ONGOING EVENTS

- o The pastor will be in his office Monday & Tuesday this week. Please call to make an appointment.
- o Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- o Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8 AM at Serrano's.
- o Each Saturday "More than a Meal Ministries" 8:00 AM at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Congregational meeting **TODAY during Discovery Hour. The meeting will be brief, but it is important all who are able attend. We will discuss the filling of open positions on the Program Cabinet and update everyone regarding our new partner, Golden Circle. We will also have a short worship evaluation for you to complete. Please attend!

**MCMC Program Cabinet meeting April 18 at 4:15 p.m. at MCMC.

**RAWtools presents: Plotting for Peace - A Fundraiser Dinner with Shane Claiborne and Laurie Works, with music from Giants and Pilgrims, April 23 at 6 PM at Beth-El Mennonite Church. Event info and RSVP at PlottingForPeaceRSVP.eventbrite.com. (RSVP required.) RAWtools is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit; donations accepted at the door.

**We will hold a shared worship with our partner, Beth-El Mennonite Church next Sunday, April 24. Shane Claiborne will be speaking and there will be no Sunday service at MCMC that day. Please plan to come!

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

**Community Picnic fundraiser event at MCMC, Saturday, May 7 from 10-1. Raw Tools will be demonstrating how "swords" are made into "plowshares" or guns into tools. Smoked turkey sandwiches and homemade ice cream available for purchase, benefiting Silver Key & MCSS programming.

Volunteers are needed to serve sandwiches and ice cream, as well as for publicity prior to the event. Please see Paul Johnson if you are interested in helping with these needs. Beth-El Mennonite Church has also been invited to join us. Come and bring your friends and neighbors!

Mark your calendars and plan to come to MCMC on Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. for the annual MCMC cleaning day. Doughnuts, coffee and lunch will be provided. More information will follow regarding supplies needed for this outside & inside work. *WE NEED YOU!***

**NOTE: New registration deadline: Healthcare professionals, students, retirees! Registration deadline extended to April 30 for the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2016 Annual Gathering, June 17-19 at YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park. Register: www.mennohealth.org/gathering, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/donbrenneman. (Site name: donbrenneman) Don and Marilyn are well stocked with meals at this point, but transportation help to/from appointments would be most appreciated. Contact Jana Preheim if interested in helping with transportation and/or delivery of meals and items: jlpreheim@gmail.com.



May 22: **Hadley's Senior Graduation Reception**. No desserts, please - - Kim will bring cake. Come celebrate Hadley's life at MCMC since age 4 and see her off to CMC in Glenwood Springs, where she plans to double major in either pre-med/environmental science and theatre.

-**Anabaptist Disabilities Network** serves congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities to nurture ever more inclusive communities. Resources offered and/or recommended at www.ADNetOnLine.org, covering a broad range of disabilities including physical, emotional,

intellectual, developmental, and mental illness disabilities. Consultation available to congregational leaders, groups, and individuals ... because Faith communities are transformed when individuals with disabilities and their God-given gifts and experiences enjoy full inclusion in the Body of Christ. Email ADNet@ADNetOnline.org or call 877-214-9838.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

➤ Senior meals at MCMC - **Golden Circle Senior Nutrition** – served Monday through Friday. Silver Key is looking for volunteers – contact Linda Arguello at Larguello@silverkey.org or 719-884-2319 if interested!

➤ **Spruce Beetle Treatment Workday Postponed**

With the forecast of a significant spring snowstorm in Teller County for Saturday the 16th, we are rescheduling the spruce beetle workday for Saturday, April 23. If you're a hiker and would like to help by spending a day in the woods, please let us know. We need people (and T50 staplers) to staple small packets of nontoxic beetle repellent to a lot of trees. For info, call the Camp Office at 719-687-9506.

CONFERENCE NEEDS & INFO

- Are you or someone you know interested in being part of the **SEED group** of Mountain States Mennonite Conference? Mountain States Mennonite Conference is also looking for people to join the **Ministerial Council**. Additionally, the **Leadership Board** for Mountain States Mennonite Conference will soon need three new members: two board members, as well as a new Moderator-elect. Please send names to Karen Martin by April 22: administrator@mountainstatesmc.org.

Sermon Notes & Discovery Hour Questions

1.) The apostles' prayer to Jesus is... "Increase our faith." How has a person you know increased their faith?

2.) Do you believe small things can become great? What one thing has happened in the last three years to bring renewed community?

3.) What faith practice or action defines MCMC?