

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.”

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Song Leader**

WE GATHER

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 30)

Leader: Let us sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,
People: and give thanks to God’s holy name.

God does not abandon us in our distress.
God’s healing presence restores us to life.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
**Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing;
God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, and not be silent.
O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession (see Luke 10, Galatians 6 and 2 Kings 5)

Leader: O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

ALL: Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman, we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways. We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scriptures

Acts 6:1-7; 15:1-41

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Sermon

Grace in Disagreement and Conflict

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

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

Sermon Notes

1. What moral issues can you think of that are particularly divisive among Christians today? How do Christians usually treat other Christians with whom they disagree on a issue?
2. We all have people with whom we disagree. What types of people are most challenging for you as you consider extending grace?
 - Fundamentalist Christians
 - Politically correct liberals
 - Wealthy conservatives
 - Feminists in the church
 - Pro-life or pro-choice advocates
 - “I need food” beggars along the road
3. What impact should grace have on our relationships with those with whom we disagree strongly over important issues?
4. Why is it so hard to show grace to certain people or groups of people?
5. Is God’s Spirit prompting me to begin showing more grace to someone or a group of people in my life?

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 7 Kim Hiebert

Ongoing Events

* Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:30am each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.

- * Paul will be in the office Monday ah Tuesday. Call to make appointment.
- * * Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8am at Serrano's.
- * Each Saturday "More than a Meal Ministries"
8:00am at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

Upcoming Special Events

- * A partner picnic with Beth-El Mennonite will be held Saturday, July 23, at the Palmer Lake pavilion & recreation area from 11AM-2PM. See the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door, and please join us!
 - * MSMC Annual Assembly is August 5-7 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Registration opens June 15!
- Announcements
- * Centura Health nurse and volunteer RN for Silver Key, Pam Frisbie, is available to check blood pressures at the Golden Circle Nutrition lunch held in the MCMC sanctuary the first and third Thursdays of the month. She offers free BP checks as people arrive for the lunch meal. Please take advantage of this helpful wellness program!
 - * Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance," performed by Village Arts of Colorado Springs at Village Seven Presbyterian Church, June 30-July 2! Tickets & information: www.VillageArtsCS.org, or reserve at 719- 345-ARTS (2787). Tickets also for purchase at the door.

Opportunities to Help

- *Mountain Community Senior Services needs volunteer drivers - even once or twice a month is helpful. Mondays are a special need. If interested in getting i involved, please contact 488- 0076. Thank you for considering this opportunity to volunteer with MCSS!
- *Items needed by Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center: shampoo (13-24 oz.), nail clippers, large bars of laundry soap, bath & hand towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors), fabric measuring tape (metric), sanitary pads (18-24 ct, thin maxi). Donations may be brought to MRC in person, purchased online & shipped to MCC, or you can donate money

designated "Kit supplies" and MCC will purchase needed items. Call 316.283.2720. MCC Central States, PO Box 235, 121 E. 30th St., N. Newton, KS 67117. Thanks for your generosity!

*In early August, MDS will be supporting Rocky Mountain Forest Fire mitigation. For details, contact Paul Johnson. Cell: 720-880-8773; texts appreciated.

*Our Golden Circle site manager, Louise, is looking for a rental home in the Tri-Lakes area. Please contact the church office if you have any info.

*Tri-Lakes Cares requests the following items: Shampoo, Pancake Mix, Sugar. Other food and toiletry items and diapers are always appreciated, too! Please place donations in the TLC tub.