

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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Sunday, October 02, 2016

Join Us – We share God’s love by: Following Jesus,
Reconciling Community and Building Peace

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matt 5:43-44

9:15am *Gathering for Worship*

9:30am *Worship Begins*

11:10am *Discovery Hour*

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Silver Key - Golden Circle Nutrition Program

Senior Lunch in the Sanctuary

12:00-12:30pm Monday-Friday

Reservations (719) 884-2304 Before 5:00am

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

Service planned by the MCMC Worship Commission

Sermon downloads available: <http://mcmcpl.org>

Order of Service

Speaker

Amy Zimbelman

Worship Leader

Meredith Oakes

Song Leader

Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Come.

All: Let us be God’s community.

Leader: Come with love.

All: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

Leader: Come with curiosity.

All: We are one body, one planet, one Church.

Leader: Come with hope.

All: As we gather here today, we seek justice.

Leader: Let us worship.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns HWB 26 Holy Spirit, come with power

HWB 362 Help us to help each other

Sharing the Grace: What am I thankful for?

Congregational Hymns

HWB 226 You are salt for the earth

SJ 52 Jesus, help us live in peace

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment

Sharon Baker

Where have you acted or seen others act for peace this past week?

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We confess we have strayed away from Your hope.

People: We cry out to You, O God.

Leader: We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from Your vision for our lives.

People: We cry out to You, O God.

Leader: We confess that we have not sought peace but have covered or fought back instead.

People: We cry out to You, O God.

Leader: We confess that we sometimes forget the worth of our own humanity.

People: Grant us wisdom that we may see Your vision for our lives and live into it with courage.

Assurance of God’s Love

Leader: Scripture tells us that we are precious and that God’s love will find us, no matter where we are or what we have done. God’s love empowers us to go and show love to others, both friend and enemy. Know this morning that you are loved and that you are capable of great love.

Scriptures

Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon

“Not-So-Passive Pacifism”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song SS 16 Peace before us (verses 1,2,5,6)

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes



Reading the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:38-48, it's easy to think that Christ-followers should be pushovers—that this Scripture maintains unequal power between victims & oppressors. But the peace-making described here is active and assertive, not passive. How does turning the other cheek, giving up clothes, and going the extra mile actually become a liberating call to turn power upside-down and create right relationships?



Birthdays and Anniversaries

12 Rick Barnes 15 Doug Harder 21 Harrison Hiebert
28 Marilyn Brenneman 29 Gerry Oakes

Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul will be in the office on Tuesday & Wednesday. Feel free to make an appointment with him, or contact him by phone if you have needs.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- 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

The Music Evangelism Foundation invites you to Trinity Nazarene Church at 7pm on October 14 for *The Annie Moses Band*, a group of Juilliard-trained siblings presenting a program of gospel, classical and bluegrass. Go to mefmusic.org for details and a link to purchase tickets.

Please plan to attend the **MDS Colorado annual meeting** at the MCC relief sale in the 4H building at 2 pm Sat., Oct. 15. Come and learn about a ministry of hope you can join!



Announcements

Take time to look at the beautiful quilt in the sanctuary, made as a donation to raise funds for the MCC relief sale! Special thanks to *Sharon Baker, Faye Brenneman, Becky Harder, Mary Johnson, Joan Murphy, Meredith Oakes, Jana Preheim, and Judy Thiessen* for working on this love gift. We appreciate all who helped put this together!

A design draft of the proposed "one level" church is in mailboxes. The congregation has asked the design team to get cost estimates & more information on possible grants, with a primary goal of better access into the sanctuary for church and other ministries. This would become our main entrance on one floor, and we would move mailboxes upstairs, near the expanded entrance. A second goal would be to complete the project with minimal impact on general fund budget. Contact Gerry Oakes/Rick Shellenberger with questions, concerns or comments.

Flyers on main entry and sanctuary bulletin boards for info on the **Green Thumbkin Pumpkin Patch**, a fundraiser for Phyllis Gingerich's daughter and son-in-law's ministry.

Interested in learning about mass incarceration, immigration or migration? MCC has displays available to help you engage in these topics. *When a Parent is in Prison* gives a glimpse of life for the two million children with a parent in prison. *Ladder without Rungs* explores suffering and trauma from survivors of violent crime and life-sentenced prisoners. *People on the Move* tells human stories of migration. Donations for shipping would be accepted, but for 2016 are not required. Call 316.283.2720 for info; email exhibits@mcc.org to make a reservation!

The Mennonite magazine welcomes *original* submissions of articles, poems, artwork & photos for our Nov. 2016 print magazine and corresponding online content focusing on "Fidelity of Place." Submissions due Mon., Oct. 3 to Editor@TheMennonite.org. For details, visit <https://themennonite.org/november-call-submissions-fidelity-place/>.



Opportunities to Help

MCC Material Resource current needs: rulers (flexible plastic with 30 cm and 12 in), hand towels (dark color), dressmaker scissors, bar soap (packaged, not boxed) & infant sleepers. Donation of items in person, via Amazon Smile or check (designated MCC Kits) is appreciated.

Greeters & coffee makers needed! Please contact Faye Brenneman at 482.2527 to tell her when you can assist once/twice each month on Sundays. Thanks for helping so all can feel welcome and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee!

Have you made your craft for the MCC Craft Booth/Christmas Booth? **A few spots still open for pie booth** at the MCC relief sale Oct. 14-15, as well!