

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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Sunday, March 12, 2017

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

Focus statement—In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for everything. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our wondering.

Lent 2

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

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076
Sermon downloads available <http://mcmcp.org>

Order of Service

Speaker Amy Zimbelman
Worship Leader Mary Gardner
Song Leader Dennis Book

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Curious about God’s ways in the world,

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God,
as we seek after You.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

With all that we have and all that we are, we honor You.
Restore us, O God, to live in freedom and trust.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of mystery, You call us into the unknown. But
we do not always follow willingly.

Reader 1: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.

Reader 2: We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have.

Reader 3: We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work
for You, we fail to move with Your Spirit.

All: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of Your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of Your Spirit.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of mystery,

All: Restore us.

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven
and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm.
The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore. Amen.

Recognition of MCMC volunteers

Scriptures Matthew 17:1-9; Psalm 121

Sermon “The (Lenten) Practice of Paying Attention”

Lenten ritual:

You are invited to come to the front altar table and take a stone from the rocky landscape. You may choose to pray silently or aloud: "God is the rock of our salvation. God moves and wills through all our wondering and wandering."

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

Full of wonder, full of curiosity, full of inquisitiveness, go trusting that God, the great Mystery, goes with you always. **Amen.**



Sermon Notes

"Reverence is also known as the practice of paying attention to something (someone) greater than one's self. This is a way of being in the world that takes time to notice, to wonder, to ask, to be in awe." Where (or during which circumstances or practices) do you experience reverence most acutely? Talk about what reverence has looked like in your life.

Does reverence come easily to you? Or is it something you've worked to develop? How would you like to grow in this spiritual discipline?

What aspects of our broader culture do you think make practicing reverence difficult?



Birthdays and Anniversaries



15 Luke Mortensen
19 Dennis Book

16 Ella Grace Mortensen
26 Rae Shellenberger

30 Dean Williams



Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul will be in the office Thursday this week, and Pastor Amy will have office hours Monday, March 13. Please call for appointments.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men's Coffee each Saturday at 7am at Serrano's.
- "More than a Meal Ministries" 8am Saturdays, Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N Walnut, Co Springs.

Upcoming Special Events

Rocky Ford Mennonite Church will host a meeting Sunday, March 19 at 2pm to discuss long-term plans for the Rocky Mountain MCC Relief Sale.

Rocky Mountain Wind Symphony and Chorus performs Sun., March 19 at 3pm at Village Seven Presbyterian Church. Admission is free – there will be a freewill offering. Visit www.VillageArtsCS.org for more information!

Announcements



Time, talent and treasure! Elders are interested in everyone at MCMC having the ability to participate in our ministries, and will be sending out an inventory of gifts discernment within the next month. We hope to see

everyone take an active role in developing and utilizing their "3 T's" in 2017.

A Faith and Life Forum will be held Sat., April 29 at Beth-El Mennonite from 9am-12pm. The event features theologian and blogger Drew G.I. Hart, author of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. A freewill offering will be taken, with lunch provided as a fundraiser for a service adventure project in Colorado. See flyer on the sanctuary bulletin board for more info!

MCC is hosting several learning tours in October and November, 2017 and January of 2018. For more info, see flyers on entry and sanctuary bulletin boards.



Opportunities to Help

Tax season is coming! If you could provide help with a very simple tax return for Don & Marilyn, please talk with Pastor Amy.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp needs volunteers to help with food service during the following retreats:

March 24-26: a youth guest group

May 17-21: a quilt retreat and outdoor group

May 27-29: Memorial Day Work & Play retreat

June 4-10: Colorado Roots Music Camp

Contact Mary Yoder (mary.rmmc@gmail.com or 719-687-9506) or online using "Volunteer" link at www.rmmc.org.



General Fund Donations Through February
Budget \$17,936.20 Actual \$18,401.33

