

Mountain Community Mennonite Church  
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**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

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

**“We are a new creation in Christ - leading us in the  
ministry of peace and reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5**

**Sermon Series: Living the Authentic Life**

**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

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

## **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: Welcome, God Who is in us and with us and all  
around us.

**All: We invite Your Spirit to fill us this morning.**

Leader: Come, Creator Who knew us in the darkness of the  
womb.

**All: We welcome Your presence into the light and dark  
places in our lives.**

Leader: Be with us and among us this morning. Amen.

## **We Grow in Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns**

HWB # 46 I sing the mighty power of God

SJ # 10 Spirit, working in creation

**Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace**

**Congregational Hymns** SJ #105 Don't be afraid

HWB #599 He leadeth me

## **Offering and Prayer**

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

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God, we confess that we sometimes expect You to be  
predictable, when You are full of mystery, showing up  
in places we don't expect. We confess that we  
sometimes find it hard to believe that You would ever  
want to walk with us in the darkness of our fears or  
pain or loneliness. We confess that we would rather  
hide our darknesses than bring them to the light of  
community.**

**Words of Assurance**

Leader: Where can we go from Your spirit? If we ascend to  
heaven, You are there; if we make our bed in  
Sheol, You are there. The darkness will not cover  
us, for even the darkness is not dark to our God.  
Rest in the assurance that everywhere we go, God  
is our companion.

**Scriptures**

**Exodus 19:16-20; Psalm 139**

**Sermon**

**“Learning to Walk in the Dark”**

## **We Go Out to Serve**

**Sending Song**

HWB #418 Move in our midst

**Sending Prayer**



## Sermon Notes

- Is it common to think of the darkness as a place that God regularly dwells?
- Why does this seem like a strange concept to us?
- Henri Nouwen says: "As long as we relate primarily to one another's wealth, health, stability, intelligence, and strength, we cannot develop true community." Do you agree with this statement?

Sermon downloads available online at <http://mcmcp.org>



### Birthdays

10 Tim Yoder

17 Mary Gardner

20 Mary & Paul Johnson (A)

23 Cheryl & Winston Yost (A) 27 Heidi Juell

### Anniversaries

### Ongoing Events

- Pastor Amy will be in the office Monday. For appointments with her or with Pastor Paul, please call the church office.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men's Coffee Saturdays at 7am at Serrano's.

### Upcoming Special Events

Mark your calendar for "Re-Placing Ourselves," a sustainability conference hosted Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2017, at Beth-El Mennonite, with Todd Wynward, MSMC Minister for Creation Care. Motivated by Todd's book "Rewilding the Way," this event will help us explore various practical

applications our churches can do (or are doing). We would love to have a representative from each church if possible.

## Announcements



Thanks to all who helped with and/or attended our church retreat at Ponderosa this weekend!



## Opportunities to Help

### Kitchen help needed at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

We're serving a lot of guests this fall at RMMC and need your help to make it happen. In early August, our head cook, Mary Yoder, broke her wrist. It is more crucial now that we have kitchen volunteers to make sure that meals are prepared well and on time. If you can help in any way, please sign up! You can do so by going online to [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) or call/email RMMC (719-687-9506, [info@rmmc.org](mailto:info@rmmc.org)). Here's where you are needed:

**Sept. 15-17** (Beth-El Mennonite Church) 6 volunteers

**Sept. 22-24** (First Menno Denver Church) 6 volunteers

**Sept. 29-Oct 1** (Greeley Mennonite Church) 4 volunteers

**Oct. 4-8** (Unfinished Objects Quilters Retreat) 4 volunteers

**Oct. 13-15** (Church in Denver Youth Group) 5 volunteers

**Oct. 22-26** (MVS National Retreat) 5 volunteers

**Nov. 2-5** (Fall Mennonite Quilters Retreat) 4 volunteers

**Nov. 10-12** (Pastors Retreat) 5 volunteers

Beth-El Mennonite thanks all who helped make bierocks in August! September 23 is rapidly approaching, and we need people to sign up to make the final batch of bierocks

for the Relief Sale. We also need cookie sheets; we were short about 8 sheets when we did the first batch. If you can come for a short time or for the day, that would be great (register on the spreadsheet that was emailed by Karen M. or talk to her in the church office if you need help registering). We could also use one person to help make meat filler on Friday starting at 8 am. If you can do that, please call Christi at 231-0524.

Please pray for those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. MDS is monitoring the situation and preparing for response. Financial donations for recovery efforts can be given online or by check made payable to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Rd., Lititz, PA 17543. Please designate "Hurricane Harvey" on memo line. If you're interested in volunteering for service in TX, an online registration form is available:

<https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration/>.



Thanks so much to all who are contributing to the Tri-Lakes Cares Food Pantry. Needs during September: **\*\*\*Canned fruits, Oatmeal, Syrup, Rice, Jelly/jam**

**School supplies needed for MCC school kits!** Please give to Matt by Sunday, Sept. 24 (NEW items only):

\*4 spiral/perforated notebooks (8.5 x 10.5 in, 70 sheets), \*8 unsharpened pencils, \*1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in), \*12 colored pencils (in packaging), \*1 large pencil eraser



**General Fund Donations Through August**

**Budget \$50,144.68 Actual \$51,606.73**