

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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Sunday, December 17, 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: Simply Jesus

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.

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

Order of Service

Speaker Mary Sprunger-Froese

Worship Leader Gayle Preheim

Song Leader Judy Thiessen

Focus Statement

Rejoicing in God’s comfort, we catch God’s vision of shalom.

*We choose to join the Spirit already at work restoring
creation.*

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from
the God of restoration.

**All: O God, You amaze us with Your promise to build up
the ancient ruins. You say You will replace the ashes
of the past with garlands of beauty. Your bold vision
dazzles our doubting souls.**

(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questions.

**All: Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to
peace.**

Leader: Let it be whole.

Lighting of Advent Candles

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

HWB #184 "Hark! The glad sound!"

HWB #177 "Creator of the stars of night"

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**All: O God of peace, Your justice wells up like a spring,
bringing dreams, laughter, and wholeness to the
world. We confess we so often stifle Your Spirit. We
are afraid to claim that You anointed us to carry Your
upside-down vision into our broken world, where the
lowly are trampled upon, the hungry go away empty,
the rich increase in power and might.**

**We confess we lack the courage to build up and repair
what we have broken, imprisoned, and oppressed.
Forgive us when we do not catch Your vision. Lead us
beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.**

(pause for silence)

Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, You have
come among us. You have given us life, and we are
restored.

Scriptures Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55

Message of Hope (Paul Johnson) “Shame or Proclaim”

One-Act Play “The Magnificat”

Congregational Hymns as prompted during drama

STJ #13 "My soul is filled with joy" verses 1, 3, 4

HWB #353 "Lord, listen to your children"

Moment of Silence & Reflection

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer



Sermon Notes



Birthdays

Anniversaries

20 Terri Inloes

21 Rick Shellenberger

24 Linda Pankratz

Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul's office hours will be Thursday, and Pastor Amy will be available by appointment Tuesday following SECOMP. For appointments, please call Pastor Paul (cell 720-880-8773) or Pastor Amy (cell 719-985-7649).
- 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

Plan to attend an upcoming winter retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! Participate in Scrapbook Retreat weekend, play in the snow at youth Snow Camp, or attend the Men's Retreat. Check out www.rmmc.org for more specific information. These retreats also rely on the

help of volunteers. From supervising the tube run, cleaning bathrooms, shoveling paths, and cooking meals, each volunteer makes a weekend at RMMC run great. Visit rmmc.org and follow the links to Register Online or to the Volunteer sign-up. You may also call for more information (719-687- 9506). We need volunteers to help in the kitchen for the following groups:

- *St. Constantine Helen Orthodox Church youth winter retreat (December 27-29, 2017)*
- *Scrapbook Retreat (January 12-14, 2018)*
- *Jr High Snow Camp (January 19-21, 2018)*
- *Sr High Snow Camp (February 16-18, 2018)*
- *Young Adult Snow Camp (February 23-25, 2018)*
- *Men's Retreat (March 2-4, 2018)*



Announcements

Please do not put anything of value in church mailboxes; some things have mysteriously disappeared from the boxes.

The MCMC annual business meeting will be held at 11am on Sunday, January 28, following morning service. All are invited and expected to attend – thanks!

Please talk with Karen Mortensen if you prefer not to have your birthday (month/day only, not year 😊) listed in the church calendar which is available online at mcmcp.org.

Our annual Christmas Brunch is **TODAY** following morning service. Join us for fellowship, festivity – and food!

We will not have a morning service December 24, but WILL have a Christmas Eve service that evening. Bring finger foods & enjoy a time of celebration following the service!



Opportunities to Help

Beloved Community Village is a first-of-its-kind tiny home village in north Denver for people experiencing homelessness, formed out of a partnership including Beloved Community Mennonite Church, Mennonite Disaster Services, and Everence in summer 2016. The village has to move at the beginning of January, and Cole Chandler from BCMC is coordinating volunteers. Info about schedule, scope of work, and expectations for volunteers is listed below. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering construction skills, cooking skills, or coffee-making skills, email Cole at coledchandler@icloud.com or talk with Dan Thiessen or Paul/Mary Johnson.

- December 28-30 from 7:30am-3:30pm (12-15 skilled workers)
- January 1-5 from 7:30am-3:30pm (5-10 carpenters)
- January 8-11 from 7:30am-3:30pm (5-10 carpenters)

*Bring tools; we provide coffee, water, and lunch each day.



Weekly MMN Prayer Request

Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.



General Fund Donations Through November
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