

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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Sunday, December 24, 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>



Service of Carols, Scripture & Prayer

Worship Leader

Paul Johnson

Song Leaders

Amy Zimbelman & Beth Harmon

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.**

Leader: O God, You choose to make Your light dwell within
our lives. Your call is risky; saying “yes” takes our
breath away.

***All: Yet we know that You empower us with Your love,
and so we invite Your light into the darkness. May it
be so.***



Lighting of Advent Candles

We Grow in Worship

Opening Litany of Light

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation.

People: You bring forth light from darkness.

Leader: Into every place where Your children gather to
celebrate Your Son,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: Into all the corners of our world, especially where
hate and hurt cast their long shadows,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: Into cathedrals and courtrooms, hospitals and
homeless shelters, factories and prisons,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: Where laughter is hearty, homes are warm, and
comforts are plenty,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: Where weather is harsh, harvests are bleak, and
needs abound,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: On those whose pain we know, and those living in
the shadow of death,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: On Your people of every time and every place,
until we are raised to the brightness of our
heavenly home,

People: May Your light shine, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation.

People: You bring forth light from darkness.

Leader: Almighty God, You have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Scripture *Psalm 89: 1-4; 19-26* **Luke Mortensen**

Songs **Amy Zimbelman & Beth Harmon**

Scripture *Luke 1: 26-38* **Ella Mortensen**

Great Joy Story **Anne Krill, Jayne Liew, Sona Vardanyan**

Songs **Amy Zimbelman & Beth Harmon**

Offering and Prayer

Scripture *Luke 1: 46-55* **Sona Vardanyan**

Poem (by Madeleine L'Engle) **Amy Zimbelman**

Candle Lighting

Congregational Songs

We Go Out to Serve

Closing Songs **Amy Zimbelman & Beth Harmon**

Sending Prayer **Amy Zimbelman**

*****Please stay for wassail, hot chocolate and goodies immediately following our service!***



Birthdays

Anniversaries

24 Linda Pankratz

Ongoing Events

- For appointments with our pastoral staff, 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!

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. 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 requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the Gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.



General Fund Donations Through November
Budget \$66,248.92 Actual \$66,390.29