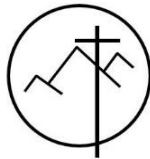


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Sunday, December 31, 2017

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: Voices of Biblical Women

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 Amy Zimbelman

Worship Leader Gayle Preheim

Song Leader Judy Thiessen

Focus Verse: *“For a long time I have held my peace, I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor, I will gasp and pant.” Isaiah 42:14*

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Laboring God, from Whom comes each good gift of life, we remember Your loving-kindness. For Your creation of our life and the world in which we live,

People: We give You thanks, O God.

Leader: For all the joys and comforts of life; for homes and families; for our friends; for the love and goodwill of persons near and far,

People: We give You thanks, O God.

Leader: For whatever good there has been in our past, and for all the hopes which lead us on toward better things,

People: We give You thanks, O God.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

HWB #640 This is a day of new beginnings

HWB #220 Worship the Lord in the beauty

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

HWB #349 Spirit of the living God

HWB #223 Woman in the night

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God Who labors to bring new things into this world, we confess that we often do not respond well to Your new life: we ignore what You are doing, we take it for granted, or we are afraid of the changes that new life brings.

People: Forgive us, Parent God. Teach us to welcome new ways of understanding You. Teach us to welcome the new ways that You are moving among us.

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Creator is excited to create anew in us. Let us open ourselves to this newness.

Scriptures

Isaiah 42:1-16

Sermon

“Becoming Midwives to God”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

HWB # Lord, let us now depart in peace

Sending Prayer



Sermon Notes

- *What language/analogies have been most helpful to you when you think about God? Why do you think that is?*
- *Have you ever encountered this image of God as a laboring woman before? What insights does it open up for you?*
- *Where do you see God doing a new thing in our church community as we embark upon 2018?*

JANUARY

Birthdays

Anniversaries

1 Linda & Rick Pankratz (A)

2 Marti Hampton

8 Karen Wiens

10 Steve Diller

10 Hadley Hiebert

15 Rollin Murphy 17 Teresa Barnes 19 Mary Veatch

29 Steve Hiebert

29 Judy Thiessen

31 Ian Klein

31 Ken Smith

Ongoing Events

- For appointments with our pastoral staff, please call Pastor Paul (cell 720-880-8773) or Pastor Amy (Tuesday office day; 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

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, 7000 S. Windermere, Littleton, CO, is hosting the Stand-Up for

Nigeria Comedy Fundraiser for victims of Boko Haram in Nigeria on Saturday, Jan 13, 2018 at 6:30pm. Nigerian Church of the Brethren leaders, Rev. Dr. Samuel and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Dali, will share updates about efforts to provide help for widows and victims, and congregations destroyed by violence. Rebecca Dali received the UN Humanitarian Award in Oct. 2017. All proceeds go to Dr. Dali's non-profit, CCEPI (Center for Caring, Empowerment & Peace Initiative).

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:

- *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

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

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



Opportunities to Help

Marti Hampton will be 95 on Tuesday, the 2nd. If you would like to give her a birthday card shower, her address is: 16 Valley Place, Apt. 102, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

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.

- 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

Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.



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