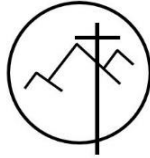


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September 9

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: God’s Dreams for Us

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 Angela Liew
Song Leader Dennis Book

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Where are the people who have many things to offer on the altar?

People: We are here, ready to worship a God who accepts all.

Leader: Where are the people who have only a few fish or a couple of pennies to bring?

People: We are here too, ready to worship a God who accepts all.

All: God welcomes all of us here this morning. Thanks be to God!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Confession of Faith

Leader: We tend to buy into the cultural norm that bigger and more are always better. It’s easy to despise things that are slow and small and seemingly unimportant.

People: Forgive us, God, for this tendency.

Words of Assurance

Leader: But there’s good news. God works with us where we are. God works with small things—tiny mustard seeds, yeast, a couple of loaves and fishes, a penny rather than a million dollars. We don’t have to become something we’re not, for our offering to be enough. God prefers to work miracles in small things.

People: Thanks be to God!

Scriptures Matthew 13:31-33; Luke 21:1-4

Sermon “The God of Small Things”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer



Sermon Notes

When you’ve been part of groups that are small and seemingly unimportant, what is difficult about them? What are opportunities in them that may not be present in larger groups?

Saying that God can work through our small offering still requires the first move of us making a small offering. What did you feel led to offer this week?

Talk about the tension between contentment (things are fine how they are) and apathy (things aren't fine, but I don't care). How can we be a church that's always growing (in depth, in love, perhaps in numbers) without being greedy or obsessed with bigger and better?



September Birthdays Anniversaries

10 Tim Yoder 17 Mary Gardner

20 Mary & Paul Johnson (A) 23 Cheryl & Winston Yost (A)

27 Heidi Juell

Ongoing Events

- Pastors Paul and Amy will have office hours on Tuesday. For appointments, call 720-880-8773 (Paul) or 719-985-7649 (Amy).
- 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

All are invited to *Mary Magdalene's Journey-a Blues Gospel*, Sun., Sept. 23, 4pm at Beth-El, an original piece featuring artist-in-residence Mary Sprunger-Froese, Bryan Miller of Beth-El & Vern Rempel of Beloved Community. A freewill offering supports the work of RAWtools.

Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage is promoting Music Mission Kiev's Fall Concert Tour 2018 through the Front Range. A concert will be held in Denver Fri., Sept. 21, 7pm at Cherry Hills Presbyterian Church on Bellevue Ave.

MSMC Immigration RoundTable, Sept. 28-30 in Aurora/Ft. Collins - details in *Zing!* Register on conference web page (by September 15 if requesting child care), mail 21919 Grandview Ave., Golden, CO 80401, e-mail barryb@mountainstatesmc.org, or call 303-503-7886.



Announcements

Three pennies buys fresh water for a day for a child in a refugee camp. Please give 3 cents/week to Penny Power!

MCMC Retreat is next weekend, Sept. 14-16. Please plan to attend our congregation's individual session Saturday, 11:30-2pm. Pastor Amy will facilitate our time together. See Sharon for carpool info. For ANY meals/lodging, register online: (rmmc.campbrainregistration.com/).

MC USA encourages you to "Learn, Pray, Join" for immigration justice now. *Watch our recent webinar* at mennoniteusa.org/ijwebinarfull and find ways to support immigration justice at <http://mennoniteusa.org/ij>.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of MMN are beginning an assignment in Nazareth, Israel. Pray for them as they visit hospital patients, teach English, and assist with communication projects.



Opportunities to Help

Beth-El Mennonite is once again gearing up to make 1500 bierocks for October's MCC Sale. We would love to have

MCMC people help on September 29. Sign-up at link below (for help with online access, contact Karen, MCMC office):

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14mkyVaGF3J6geiYjj-cd2q28P39VrJQ0rO_gSOzOCM4/htmlview

Thanks for your support of Tri Lakes Cares. Pantry needs:

Healthy Snacks for the Kids' Snack Pack program

Canned Fruits

Soups

Broths

Tea

Refried Beans

Interested in investing in a young person? If you'd like to mentor one of the younger folks in our congregation, talk to a pastor or worship commission member.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp relies on the help of volunteers. In upcoming weeks, we need help in the kitchen with meals, dishes, and light cleaning. Call (719-687-9506), email (info@rmmc.org), or go to rmmc.org and click "Volunteer" to see available slots online.

- Sept. 22-23: *First Mennonite Denver retreat (4 people)*
- Oct. 2-5: *Guest groups (church group/school group) (2 people)*
- Oct. 10-14: *Unfinished Objects Quilters retreat (3 people)*
- Oct. 26-28: *Guest group (women's retreat) (2 people)*
- Nov. 1-4: *Fall Mennonite Quilters retreat (2 people)*
- Dec. 27-29: *Guest group (Orthodox Church youth group) (4 people)*

It is now less than two months until the Relief sale. Please continue to make items for the craft booth, Christmas booth and pantry. Thanks for your creativity and efforts!

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General Fund Donations Through July

Budget \$44,776.64 Actual \$43,672.83