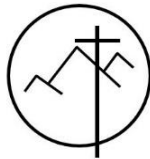


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December 9, 2018

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

Second Sunday of Advent

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 Paul Johnson
Worship Leader Gayle Preheim
Song Leader Dennis Book

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about
to change.

**People: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain
made low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are
called to prepare our hearts for His coming.

**People: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow
God to renew us and work within us.**

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!



Advent Candlelighting

Liew Family

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Scripture

Malachi 3:1-3

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Oh God, You call us to turn our lives around, and
work with patience and diligence to prepare the
way for Your Reign, but we get discouraged and
give up too soon.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Oh God, You call us to collaborate in community to
prepare the way for Your Reign, but we neither
trust nor honor the gifts of others.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Oh God, You call us to be full of joyful confidence
to prepare the way for Your Reign, but we burden
ourselves with anxiety and fear.

All: Lord, have mercy.

(a moment of silent prayer)

***All: Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of
patience, community and joy.***

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus, Savior from sin, is
present with us in the painstaking work of the
Reign of God forgiving our weakness, rebuilding
our relationships, restoring our joy.

Scriptures

Luke 2:25-38

Sermon

“Bridge of Sighs”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer



Sermon

Notes

December Birthdays



10 Joseph Liew

20 Terri Inloes

21 Rick Shellenberger

24 Linda Pankratz

Ongoing Events

- For appointments with Pastors Paul or Amy, 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

The 2018 Lessons & Carols program is *this evening at 6pm* at Shove Chapel, Colorado College, 1010 N. Nevada Ave.

Christmas brunch is December 23 with Eichelberger cluster in charge of set up/ & clean up. Invite someone!

Christmas Eve service will be December 24 at 6pm. Join us and bring family and friends for this time of worship & joy.

Upcoming RMMC events include:

- January 18-20 Scrapbook Retreat
- January 25-27 Junior High Snow Camp
- February 15-17 Senior High Snow Camp
- February 22-24 Young Adult Snow Camp
- March 1-3 Men's Retreat
- March 15-17 Women's Retreat
- April 25-28 Spring Mennonite Quilters Retreat
- May 24-27 Memorial Day Work & Play Retreat

Announcements



We will have a short business meeting following service today. Nurture Commission is serving breakfast between service/meeting; a freewill offering will help support the one-level ramp project. Our annual business meeting will be held January 27. Please attend!

Service Adventure is seeking leaders for its Anchorage, AK unit. Contact Susan Nisly at Mennonite Mission Network: susann@mennonitemission.net. (Note: the unit and house did not suffer damage from recent earthquake activity.)

Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona, Iowa) is seeking an energetic leader with vision to serve as principal beginning July 2019. Individuals may apply by Jan. 1, 2019 at www.iowamennonite.org/joinourteam.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer

MMN's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia & Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray as they worship with Open Door Mennonite and volunteer with a community soup kitchen & transition home.



News from MC USA

MC USA relies on your support as we seek to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and help communities experience transformation. Consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation at mennoniteusa.org/give.

Opportunities to Help

Thanks to all those who support Tri-Lakes Cares by donating to the food pantry. Wish list for the month of December: beef stew, vegetable broth, and applesauce.



Please sign up on kitchen door for snow shoveling during the winter season. If possible, please sign up for a month at a time-thanks for helping with this need!



Beloved Community and the Conference are excited that Fernando Ventura and Rebeca Torres from Mexico are helping develop a ministry plan involving the faith community at Beloved Community, exploring immigration outreach through Casa de Paz, and providing resources in the conference. We want to provide opportunities for them to learn about local culture, strengthen their English, get to know people, and learn about Mountain States. Might you consider being host/hostess for one/both of them for a day? Visit sites of interest, explore historic places, visit museums, government offices, or ministries, take a trip to the mountains, visit a Mennonite church, enjoy a meal at home or a favorite spot, tour your workplace, visit your church...the possibilities are limitless! Fernando and Rebeca live in Denver, so plan to pick them up or arrange public transportation connections. Contact Barry Bartel at barryb@mountainstatesmc.org or 303-503-7886 to take advantage of this special opportunity!

Sharing with Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups of all ages, addressing challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Please consider forming a group experience a week on location in WV or KY. For info go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065. You can also check out the latest newsletter at <https://mcc.org/media/resources/8302>.



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