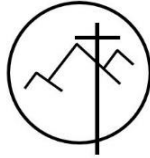


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December 16, 2018

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

Third Sunday of Advent

9:15am *Gathering for Worship*

9:30am *Worship Begins*

11:10am *Discovery Hour*

Lead Pastor: Paul Johnson

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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

Dennis Book

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quietening

Call to Prayer

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for
God-with-us is coming to set things right!

**People: The proud will be scattered and the humble
uplifted.**

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.
**People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim
salvation.**

**All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness
and new life to the world.**



Advent Candlelighting

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We are a people who doubt that joy has a place
amidst the world’s suffering.

**People: And yet we are called to be a people of joy. Help
us to live into that calling.**

Words of Assurance (*from Zephaniah 3*)

Leader: Sing aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Rejoice and
exult with all your heart! The LORD has taken
away the judgments against you, and has turned
away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

People: Let us rejoice in God’s love and goodness. Amen.

Scriptures

Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

“Jumping for joy at a time like this?”

Children’s Artistic Renditions Inspired by Joy

Licensing Ceremony for Alex Hernandez-Siegel

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer



Sermon

Notes

*What do you think it was really like for Mary when she got
the news? Do you think she felt pure joy, or was there also
some fear or sorrow mixed in there?*

Khalil Gibran says: "The deeper that sorrow carves into the soul, the more joy it can contain." Have you found this to be true?

How can we better learn from the children in our lives about joy?



December Birthdays

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

Christmas brunch is next Sunday, December 23 with Eichelberger cluster in charge of set up & clean up. Plan to bring something to share and invite someone to join!

Christmas Eve service will be December 24 at 6pm. Join us and bring family and friends for a 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



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LOST: Dark blue, leather-type phone case that opens like a book and has magnetic clasp, approximately 3" x 6."

Contact Jana Preheim!

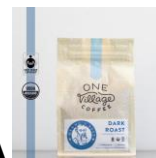
Our annual congregational business meeting will be held Sunday, January 27. Please mark your calendar to attend!

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 requests prayer for Mark & Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.



News from MC USA

Looking for a Christmas present for a coffee lover? Give two-gifts-in-one with Menno's Best fair trade, organic coffee. A portion of the proceeds from every bag go to

youth groups and the peace/justice work of MC USA. Visit mennoniteusa.org/MennosBest.

Opportunities to Help



Thanks to all those who support Tri-Lakes Cares by donating to the food pantry. Wish list for 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 MSMC 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 conference resources. Please consider hosting them for a day to help them learn about local culture, strengthen their English, get to know people, and learn about MSMC. 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 a week on location in WV or KY. Info at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065. Check out the latest newsletter at <https://mcc.org/media/resources/8302>.

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