

Mountain Community Mennonite Church

Welcome Friends!

Join Us – We Share God’s Love by Following Jesus,
Reconciling Community, Building Peace

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not grow faint.”

Discovering God’s Story, Entering God’s Hope
April 10, 2016

Pastor

Paul Johnson

Worship Leader

Meredith Oakes

Song Leader

Dennis Book

WE GATHER

Announcements

Time of Quietening

Welcome

Call to Worship

ONE: Brothers and sisters. If you sometimes lose your way, Come here!

ALL: We’ll look again into Christ’s abundance. Release us!

ONE: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

ALL: We’ll find the Risen Christ in all Creation. Release us!

ONE: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

ALL: Christ is leading a dance of joy. Release us!

ONE: Come here, sisters and brothers!

ALL: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment

Heidi Juell

Where have you acted or seen others act for peace this past week?

Prayer of Confession

ONE: Merciful God, Saul did not recognize the presence of the Holy One in the followers of the Risen Christ until your Light struck him sightless, at last able to hear your voice! In our day, our inability to release our troubles stops us from recognizing your presence.

ALL: We fail to see that our lives are bound together with each other and with the earth.

ONE: The Disciples could not succeed in seeing, until the Risen Christ showed them Peace. Release us!

ALL: AMEN.

Words of Assurance

ONE: God's love for us is ever sure, given in mercy, gratefully.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Scriptures

Luke 24:13-23

Sermon

"Releasing Our Demons"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

Your worship service today was planned by the MCMC Worship Commission.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

13 Faye Brenneman

ONGOING EVENTS

- Prayer Circle, Sundays @8:45–9:00 AM. All are welcome!
- The pastor will be in his office Monday & Tuesday this week. Please call to make an appointment.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8 AM at Serrano's.
- Each Saturday "More than a Meal Ministries" 8:00 AM at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

**Congregational meeting, Sunday, April 17, during Discovery Hour. The meeting will be brief, but it is important all who are able attend. Please mark your calendars!

**RAWtools presents: Plotting for Peace - A Fundraiser Dinner with Shane Claiborne and Laurie Works, with music from Giants and Pilgrims, April 23 at 6 PM at Beth-El Mennonite Church. Enjoy an evening of food & fellowship, an update on RAWtools, as well as keynote speaker, Shane Claiborne and a story from gun violence survivor Laurie Works, whose sisters were killed in the New Life Church shooting. Event info and RSVP at PlottingForPeaceRSVP.eventbrite.com. (RSVP required.) RAWtools is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit; donations accepted at the door.

**We will hold a shared worship with our partner, Beth-El Mennonite Church, Sunday, April 24. Shane Claiborne will be speaking and there will be no Sunday service at MCMC that day. Please plan to come!



**MCSS Volunteer Spring Tea: May 3, 4-6 PM at MCMC.

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7 for a Community Picnic fundraiser event at MCMC from 10-1. Raw Tools will be demonstrating how "swords" are made into "plowshares" -- or guns into tools. Smoked turkey sandwiches and homemade ice cream will be available for purchase, benefiting Silver Key and Mountain Community Senior Services programming. *Volunteers are needed to serve sandwiches and ice cream, as well as for publicity prior to the event. Please see Paul Johnson if you are interested in helping with these needs.* Beth-El Mennonite Church has also been invited to join us. Come and bring your friends and neighbors!

**Todd Wynward is leading a "Rewilding the Way Wilderness Trek," July 1-9 outside Taos, climbing the Sangre de Cristo range and plunging into the Rio Grande Gorge. This is a mountain/river adventure designed for adult spiritual formation (ages 19+). Cost is \$395 for 8 days; several scholarships available. See Paul Johnson for more info.

**NOTE: New registration deadline: Healthcare professionals, students, retirees! Registration deadline extended to April 30 for the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2016 Annual Gathering, June 17-19, 2016 at YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado. Theme: "Wholeness & Holiness: Views from the Mountaintop." Topics include spirituality of illness, international healthcare, end of life ethics, public health, trauma, and gun violence. Open to anyone interested, especially persons from medical, mental health, therapy, and chaplaincy professions, including students & retirees. Children and Youth Program provided. Register at www.mennohealth.org/gathering, email info@mennohealth.org, or call [1-888-406-3643](tel:1-888-406-3643).

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



Help Camp Spare the Trees! Saturday, April 16, spend a day in the woods at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp treating spruce trees with bug repellent. A new, non-toxic, pheromone-based treatment can make the trees unappealing to spruce beetles, which are about to leave their winter dormancy. With a warm spring, we have a narrow window to get this done. The goal is to slow the infestation, and preserve the large spruces in the main areas of camp activities. We need a large group of hikers to staple small packets to over 1500 trees. If you have a Stanley type T-50 staple gun, please bring it. If you can come, please sign up online or call camp at 719/687-9506. We'll start at 8:30 AM.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Visit Don Brenneman's website, www.caringbridge.org/visit/donbrenneman. (Site name: donbrenneman) They are well stocked with meals at this point, but transportation help to/from appointments would be most appreciated. Contact Jana Preheim if interested in helping with transportation and/or delivery of meals and items: jlpreheim@gmail.com.
- April 15 and 16: "Outsiders" play at Falcon High School (Hadley's show). Performances scheduled for April 15 at 7pm & April 16 at 2 pm and 7 pm. All are welcome!!



May 22: Hadley's Senior Graduation Reception during share-a-meal. No desserts, please, as Kim will bring cake. Come celebrate Hadley's life at MCMC since age 4, enjoy a video presentation, and see her off to Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs, where she plans to double major in either pre-med/environmental science and theatre.

- Senior meals at MCMC - Golden Circle Senior Nutrition – served Monday through Friday. Preparation each day will begin at 10 AM and finish at 1 PM. Silver Key is still looking for volunteers – contact Linda Arguello at Larguello@silverkey.org or 719-884-2319 if interested in helping one day a week, one day a month, or whatever fits your schedule!

CONFERENCE NEEDS & INFO

❖ Are you or someone you know interested in being part of the SEED group of Mountain States Mennonite_Conference? The SEED group pays attention to ideas bubbling up within our conference, seeing God at work both within and beyond the normal definition of "church." If you know someone who might be interested in joining SEED, contact Karen Martin at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org by April 22.

❖ Mountain States Mennonite Conference is looking for people to join the Ministerial Council. This group works at deepening spiritual relationships across the conference through sacred conversations with each leader/pastor called to serve a congregation. They also help plan the annual Pastors' Retreat. Please think of people you know in our conference who could help with this important work, and send their name(s) to Karen Martin at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org by April 22.

❖ The Leadership Board for Mountain States Mennonite Conference will soon need three new members. We'd like for this leadership group to represent the variety of people in our conference. Take a moment to think of folks in your congregation who might enjoy worshiping and working alongside others from across the conference. We will be searching for two new board members, as well as a new Moderator-elect. Please allow the Spirit to bring people to mind; send names to Karen Martin: administrator@mountainstatesmc.org by April 22. You may also submit your own name if interested.



Sermon Notes & Discovery Hour Discussion

- 1) What do we need to release in order to receive?

- 2) What keeps us holding on to the Old?

- 3) What stops us from receiving Good News?

- 4) What demons haunt our church?

- 5) What ministries release us and grow our community?