

## Sunday, October 23, 2016

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

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

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 Monday-Friday
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 online: http://mcmcpl.org

## **Order of Service**

Speaker Karen Lichlyter-Klein

Worship Leader Meredith Oakes

Song Leader Dennis Book

### We Gather

Welcome

**Announcements** 

**Time of Quieting** 

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 65)

Leader: Praise waits for You, O God, in all Your world!

People: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us

to dwell with You!

Leader: God of our hope, You are the life of the entire

world.

People: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the

ends of the earth.

Leader: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea. You calm the uproar of the nations. You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.

ALL: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

# We Grow in Worship

**Opening Prayer** 

**Opening Hymns** 

Sharing the Grace: "I'm thankful for..."

### **Congregational Hymns**

Offering and Prayer

**Prayer of Confession** 

Leader: We turn to God in prayer, not because we are compelled, but because God invites us. We come to God, not because of our righteousness, but because of God's grace. In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening.

People: Loving God, we know that in every generation You call forth prophets to proclaim Your word. We give You thanks that You are still speaking, even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear Your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of Your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to Your presence and Your promise. Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive and God's promise of restoration is for all people. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Scriptures

Matthew 5:1

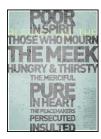
Sermon

#### We Go Out to Serve

**Sending Song** 

**Sending Prayer** 

#### Sermon Notes



How do we understand the Beatitudes?

What does it mean to be "poor in spirit?"



**Birthdays and Anniversaries** 

28 Marilyn Brenneman

29 Gerry Oakes



- Pastoral office hours: Pastor Paul will be in office Thursday, and Pastor Amy will be in office Tuesday.
   Please call if you would like to make an appointment with either of our pastors. You may also reach Amy on her cell phone at 719-985-7649.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am each Friday.
   Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8am at Serrano's.
- "More than a Meal Ministries" 8:00am Saturdays at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.



# **Upcoming Special Events**

MCC Central States is excited to share an opportunity with our region: We are hosting a Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour in New Orleans in March. Event details at https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tour-0. Online registration is open, and we hope to fill the trip soon. Thanks for your help in spreading the word!

Join MCC on a Learning Tour to Kenya February 27-March 11, 2017! Tour highlights include seeing a sand dam in action, learning more about sustainable food projects, meeting kids at MCC supported education programs and enjoying a 1-day safari. Contact Anna Yoder annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 for info.



A special word of appreciation to Steve & Janelle Diller for graciously transporting school supply kits to Kansas!

#### **Announcements**



See flyers on entry and sanctuary bulletin boards for info about the **Green Thumbkin Pumpkin Patch**, a fundraiser for Phyllis Gingerich's daughter and son-in-law's ministry.



# **Opportunities to Help**

Mennonite Central Committee welcomes donations of money for disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering from effects of Hurricane Matthew. High winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage, and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit mcc.org/hurricanematthew; call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**Sunday greeters & coffee makers needed!** Please contact Faye Brenneman at 482.2527 to assist 1-2x/month.

**Needed: 3 volunteers** to help set up 5 tables for Golden Circle Senior Nutrition meal after Discovery Hour weekly.