## Mountain Community Mennonite Church

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

"We are a new creation in Christ, leading us in the ministry of peace and reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5

**DATE: January 15, 2023** 

9:00 am: Worship Begins

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

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Sermon downloads available at <a href="http://mcmcpl.org">http://mcmcpl.org</a>

Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.

There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops at 9:00 am prior to the start of worship. We invite you to join in this time of silence before our service begins.\*

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# Order of Service

Speaker: Marc Schlegel Preheim
Worship Leader: Rae Shellenberger
Song Leader Dennis Book
Sound Room: Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting
Call to Worship:

Leader: There are no words for what this testimony means only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

Assembly: We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.

Leader: There is no way to know what this following will

take only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

Assembly: We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners: in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices two.

Leader: There is no telling when the struggle will end, only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

Assembly: We become the movement and the liberation: in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.

# We Grow In Worship

**Opening Prayer** 

Opening Hymns: #269: Break Forth O Beauteous

Heavenly Light

#255: Love Came Down at Christmas

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...

Congregational Hymns: #275: O Beautiful Star of

Bethlehem

#252: Come and See

**Offering and Prayer** 

**Prayer of Transformation & Words of Grace** 

In this moment of stillness, feel for the rhythm of your own pulse listen to the cadence of your own breath When we lose touch with our own flourishing, Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us.

In this moment of stillness, feel for the rhythm of another one's pulse listen to the cadence of another one's breath When we lose touch with the celebrations and struggles of our neighbors, Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us.

In this moment of stillness, feel for the rhythm of the pulse of justice for all listen to the cadence of the breath of love When we lose touch with our collective liberation, Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us.

Scriptures: John 1: 35-46 Sermon: "Come and See"

#### We Go Out To Serve

**Sending Song:** #265: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**Sending Prayer** 

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

Please return the hymnals to boxes provided at back of sanctuary. Exit promptly to Narthex. Thank you

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

January 15 Rollin Murphy B **Teresa Barnes B** January 17 **Judy Thiessen** January 29 **Ken Smith** January 31

**MCMC** 

**Program Cabinet** February 1, 1:00 **Annual Business Meeting** January 29

Jordan will be looking for things to do from January 9-22. I will be in Oaxaca, Mexico participating in an artist residency. If anyone is interested in going on a walk with

him, or going out for a meal with him, he would love the company. Best method of contact is text 719.432.5555. Thanks!! Jina

# **Mountain States Conference News**

The MDS Volunteer Weekend Please mark your calendars for the next MDS Volunteer Weekend in May 2023.

#### MENNONITE CHURCH USA

The Kineo Center, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, offers cohort programs for pastors and leaders experiencing burnout, and a new cohort begins Feb. 5. The program features a 24-week, online discussion group and a four-day trip to the Kineo retreat center in Puerto Rico. Learn more about this opportunity here: mennoniteusa.org/kineo-center-cohort

### **Menno Snapshots**

From a young age, Cristian Alemán, outreach coordinator and bilingual music director for College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, knew he might one day lose his sight, but he did not know the lessons that he would learn from the experience. Adriana Celis, a writer for MenoTicias, the Spanish-language newsletter published by Mennonite

Church USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, shares Alemán's story in "Learning to value the colors of life." Read more here:

mennoniteusa.org/learning-to-value-the-colors-of-life/ (Lea la versión en español aquí:

mennoniteusa.org/learning-to-value-the-colors-of-lifespanish)

Mennonite Church USA will host its annual Hope for the Future conference Feb. 3-5 in Atlanta. The conference welcomes MC USA-affiliated BIPOC leaders and young adults for a time of networking and mutual edification. Register by Jan. 18. Learn more here:

mennoniteusa.org/hope-for-the-future

The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA adopted a new resolutions process, responded to the actions of the Delegate Assembly and proposed a new three-year cycle for future Delegate Assemblies. Read about more of their actions here: mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-takesaction

"Between: Embracing Vulnerability" is the theme for the sixteenth Mennonite Arts Weekend February 3-5, 2023 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Presentations and workshops by musicians, visual artists, writers, and craftspeople start on Friday evening and conclude with Sunday morning worship Activities and workshops designed for Pre-K children through high school are planned. Special Guest: Girl Named Tom, who you might remember from our Virtual Assembly several years ago! To sign-up for workshops, go to https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/2023maw/. The website also includes a list of presenters, registration, location, and lodging information. Come enjoy the fun, connect with friends, and hear Girl Named Tom. Seminary Preview Webinar to be held Jan. 18 ELKHART, Indiana (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary) —

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) will host a free

Seminary Preview Webinar on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8-8:45

**p.m.** EST, for people who are exploring a call to ministry or are interested in theological study.

Webinar participants will hear from faculty members about what AMBS has to offer and from students about their experiences of being part of the AMBS learning community.

"Attending the webinar is an ideal way to explore studies at AMBS," said Mary Ann Weber, MA, Director of Enrollment. "We hope that people not only register for the webinar, but also invite others to join the event. It's a great way to encourage people who have gifts for leadership or ministry."

AMBS offers a variety of educational options for people who want to study at a distance or on campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Graduate-level students can focus on pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustainability leadership and more. Continuing education options include the undergraduate-level Journey Missional Leadership Development Program, Online Short Courses, and Spiritual Direction Seminars, among others.

The seminary prepares and equips leaders from a variety of Anabaptist and other Christian traditions. More than 2,500 AMBS alumni serve as church and community leaders in Elkhart County and around the world. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available for graduate students.

There is no cost to attend the webinar, but registration is required. See ambs.edu/preview to learn more or register. See ambs.edu/visit to schedule an individual visit.

### MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their son, Jordan, who are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers had not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.