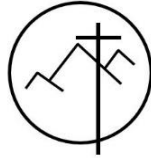


Mountain Community Mennonite Church

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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 22, 2023

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

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Sermon downloads available at <http://mcmcp.org>

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.**

DATE: January 22, 2023

Order of Service

Speaker: Marc Schlegel Preheim via ZOOM
Worship Leader: Darwin Barrie
Song Leader: Dennis Book
Sound Room: Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in
homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.**

Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the
expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

**One: We seek God’s face on Sunday mornings and
evenings...and throughout the week.**

Many: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of
our lives.

One: We call out for God’s grace, strength, and guidance.

Many: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God’s
greatness.

We Grow In Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #453: As I Went Down to the River to
Pray #283: Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...

Congregational Hymns: # 540: Will You Come and Follow
Me

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Transformation & Words of Grace

Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or
others for validation, salvation, and deliverance rather
than seek your wisdom, will, and way? How often have we
sought our own measure of greatness apart from the
realm of your kingdom? How long have you waited for us
to seek you? Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your
presence, plan, and purpose.

Scriptures: Matthew 4: 12-23

Sermon: “Discipleship as the Call to Faithfulness”

We Go Out To Serve

Sending Song: #556: I Bind My Heart This Tide

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

Judy Thiessen January 29
Ken Smith January 31

MCMC

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](tel: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

This Friday and Saturday, please pray for the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, as they meet online by Zoom. May God grant them wisdom and clarity during their time together.

In November 2022, the National Faith Leaders Climate Roundtable, which is made up of 16 U.S. denominational leaders — including Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA's Executive Director — gathered to discuss climate justice. They acknowledged the importance of engaging local congregations and communities to reach their climate goals. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/accelerate-climate-action

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

What does it take for a rural church to install solar panels? For Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church, it required a team with a vision, a lot of planning and some flexibility, along with some help from the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Karla Kauffman, a therapist who is developing expertise in climate grief work, outlines Metamora Mennonite's process in "A rural congregation goes solar: Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/metamora-illinois-mennonite-church

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-takes-action

"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](https://ambss.edu) (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.

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 ambss.edu/preview to learn more or register. See ambss.edu/visit to schedule an individual visit.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK

Pray, with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network, for the Mennonite churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which continue to bring the message of God's healing and love to those who were injured and traumatized by the Kamuina Nsapu rebellion four years ago.