# Mountain Community Mennonite Church





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: February 5, 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

Speakers: Vern Rempel
Worship Leader: Mary Gardner
Song Leader Dennis Book
Sound Room: Jake Eichelberger

We Gather

Welcome

**Announcements** 

**Time of Quieting** 

**Call to Worship:** 

One: Praise the Holy One! Be in awe of God!

Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's

presence!

One: Fear no evil. Keep your heart firm. Be secure in God!

Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's

protection!

One: Arise for what is right. Be pursuers of justice.

Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's

power!

We Grow in Worship

**Opening Prayer** 

Opening Hymn: #478: I Come With Joy

#25: Brethren, We Have Come to Worship

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....

Congregational Hymn: #540 Will You Come and Follow Me

**Offering and Prayer** 

### **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Righteous One, it is not easy to follow your path. Your way requires sacrifice and intention—resisting cultural norms and societal pressures and abandoning our need to control and to function from our own power. Sometimes, we add complexity in order to assure ourselves it is not possible to be faithful. Yet, your way is simple. Soften our hearts and encourage us to return to the journey with you.

Scriptures: Acts 2: 43-47 NRSV

Sermon: Community and the Infinite

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song: #759: Take My Life, and Let it Be

**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**

Cheryl Yost February 12
Gayle Preheim February 14
Lynn Roth February 14
Marietta Smith February 14
Clair Brenneman February 16
Garcia Wood February 16
Mary Johnson February 17

**MCMC** 

# **Mountain States Conference News**

Long-time member of Living Light of Peace (formerly Arvada Mennonite), Menno Gaeddert, died last Friday, January 27, after a brief illness. Menno was known throughout the Mountain States Mennonite Conference for his consistent attendance at conference events and the annual MCC Relief Sale. A hymn sing had been organized for February 18th to celebrate his upcoming birthday. Instead, his Celebration of Life will be held that day at 11 am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO. Faspa (a simple Mennonite meal) will be held after the service.

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

Alamosa MVS seeks year-long volunteers starting Summer 2023. Enjoy Colorado's mountains; engage environmental, sustainable ag, local food, restorative justice, immigration, and public health initiatives. Openings <a href="here">here</a> or contact <a href="aliceprice1950@gmail.com">aliceprice1950@gmail.com</a>. Read an article from our own Erica Lea-Simka, pastor of Albuquerque, in MC USA's Menno Snapshots: <a href="https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/bringing-gifts-to-my-daughter/">https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/bringing-gifts-to-my-daughter/</a>.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA** 

Mennonite Church USA has released the MennoCon23 block schedule and registration rates. Learn more about MennoCon23 here: <a href="mailto:mennocon23-menno

MCC is seeking a Donor Relations Associate: This role is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This is a full-time position; office location is flexible. Apply online by February 24 at <a href="mac.org/donor-relations-associate">mcc.org/donor-relations-associate</a>. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or <a href="mailto:amberfalcon@mcc.org">amberfalcon@mcc.org</a>.

MCC Central States annual meeting, March 4 from 1-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, Kansas. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like a link to join via Zoom please email <a href="mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org">tinaschrag@mcc.org</a> for the link.

Volunteer with MCC Thrift today! You can support the relief development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee AND your local community when you volunteer at your local MCC Thrift shop! By volunteering, you'll make friends, gain work experience, and help make a difference in your community and around the world. From sorting to pricing to working the cash register, we've got a job that's right for you. Sign up to volunteer <a href="mailto:thrift.mcc.org/volunteer">thrift.mcc.org/volunteer</a>!

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems

of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Flyer attached. **Registration link:** mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

### **Menno Snapshots**

Sarah Augustine, co-founder and executive director of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, is both Indigenous and a Mennonite, two identities that she believes complement one another. In her blog post, "I am Indigenous and an Anabaptist," she shares how she incorporates her cultural heritage into her faith journey. Read it here: <a href="mennoniteusa.org/i-am-indigenous-and-an-anabaptist">mennoniteusa.org/i-am-indigenous-and-an-anabaptist</a>

Volunteer with MCC Thrift today! You can support the relief development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee AND your local community when you volunteer at your local MCC Thrift shop! By volunteering, you'll make friends, gain work experience, and help make a difference in your community and around the world. From sorting to pricing to working the cash register, we've got a job that's right for you. Sign up to volunteer <a href="mailto:thrift.mcc.org/volunteer">thrift.mcc.org/volunteer</a>!

We're looking for seminar ideas and presenters for **MennoCon23**. MennoCon is Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event. MennoCon seminars help to equip youth and adults to live more fully into their faith. They provide an interactive learning experience