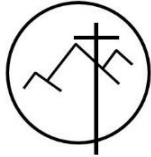


Mountain Community Mennonite Church

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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: February 19, 2023**

**Sermon Theme:** Community  
Racial Justice Sunday

**9:00 am:** *Worship Begins*

**Coffee**

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

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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.\**

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### ***Order of Service***

**Speakers:**

**Merv Birky**

**Worship Leader:**

**Melissa Roth**

**Song Leader**

**Dennis Book**

**Sound Room:**

**Jake Eichelberger**

### ***We Gather***

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship:**

**One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the  
Holy One.**

Many: The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted  
among the people.

**One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the  
Mighty One.**

Many: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and  
establishes equity..

**One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the  
Everlasting God.**

Many: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers  
our call. Praise our God!

### ***We Grow in Worship***

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** #813: Heart With Loving Heart United

#211: Hope is a Candle

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

**Congregational Hymn: #392:** The Church of Christ Cannot  
be Bound

**Offering and Prayer**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Righteous God, we find ourselves wanting to retreat from  
the harsh realities of life. We can find ourselves lifted to  
high places and forget those we have left behind. Our  
concern for our neighbor too often dissipates at the point  
of our discomfort. Forgive us for wanting to dwell in your  
presence without being transformed with new energy for  
the work of your ministry. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Romans 16: 1-16

**Sermon:** *Community Snapshots*

**Communion**

***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song:** #669: Soon and Very Soon

**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

### MCMC

Dennis Book B

March 19

Rae Shellenberger B

March 26

## Mountain States Conference News

**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. Openings [here](#) or contact [aliceprice1950@gmail.com](mailto:aliceprice1950@gmail.com).

Read an article from our own Erica Lea-Simka, pastor of Albuquerque, in MC USA's Menno Snapshots: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/bringing-gifts-to-my-daughter/>.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA

### Beyond Incarceration webinar series

- **February 21, 2023 at 7:30pm:** Intervene: How do we interrupt and intervene in systems of mass incarceration?
- **March 7, 2023 at 7:30pm:** Create: How do we imagine and bring about alternative systems?
- **March 21, 2023 at 7:30pm:** Practice: What does proclaiming, intervening and creating alternative systems to mass incarceration look like in practice?

MCC and MC USA 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 be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. in 2023.* [Register once and participate in one or all of the webinars.](#)

**Mennonite Church USA has released the MennoCon23** block schedule and registration rates. Learn more about MennoCon23 here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule](https://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule)

**Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at [mcc.org/earthquake](https://mcc.org/earthquake), by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 1750.

**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 [tinaschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) for the link. got a job that's right for you. Sign up to volunteer [thrift.mcc.org/volunteer!](https://thrift.mcc.org/volunteer/)

## Menno Snapshots

Cynthia Lapp, pastor at Hyattsville Mennonite Church in Maryland, writes about the challenges she has faced serving as a chaplain to the local police – and the impact this work has had in her community and in her own life. Read more: [mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville](https://mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville)

## #MennoCon23

Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking coordinators for special events, children's and junior youth

programming, and more! Fill out a form here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form](https://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form)

**Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure** leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.