

2016 Report from Defiance, Glenwood Springs, CO

This year Glenwood Mennonite went through a transformation in name and direction that we believe is best summed up in our expression on why Defiance Church is our new name.

People of Community

Defiance connects us to the location where we are called to serve and worship with our neighbors. As the original name of our town, it locates us in our mission to be a people of light to those in the Roaring Fork Valley. This is where we live and love.

People of Tradition

Defiance is a church born out of the radical reformation - a people who defied the dominant cultural forms of faith in their time. These Anabaptist communities held a theological and spiritual stance that refused to let violence be the last word in a world fractured by sin, violence, and fear. We are called to live differently - to live in a way that often stands at odds with what the world tells us is important. We live in God's wholeness with each other and extend this movement of peace out into the world. This is our living history.

People of Life

Defiance is a witness to the story that God, in Jesus Christ, defied death on a cross through resurrection. In a world bent on death, defiance is to be our stance as a people of life. It is core to our identity that Christ, through baptism, turns us away from paths of destruction toward a new direction and a new life. Because He lives, we are a people of resurrection who pray "your kingdom come". This is our hope.