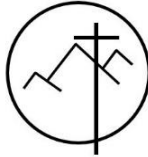


Mountain Community Mennonite Church

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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 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent

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: February 26, 2023
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Order of Service

Speakers:

Vern Rempel

Worship Leader:

Gayle Preheim

Song Leader

Dennis Book

Sound Room:

Jake Eichelberger

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: God of the Sahara and the Amazon, Maker of dry
places and wetlands.**

Many: We come before you with parched hearts for living
in this world has made them so.

One: Holy One, your ability to renew us is unmatched.

Many: You renew us from within and without.

**One: Ancient of Days, you held us in the beginning, and
you are holding us now.**

Many: We reach out to you and draw as close as we can.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #306: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#759: Take My Life and Let it Be

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

Congregational Hymn: #610: Precious Lord, Take my Hand

Offering and Prayer

Presentation of new Worship Art, Painted by Jeannie
Villacorta

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Source of Grace, we confess that sometimes when we’re
tempted, we don’t resist. Sometimes when we could do
good, we don’t because it seems too hard. These are the
times that we need your grace the most. Instead of giving
up on us, you transform us as we open ourselves to you.
For grace that abounds as needed, when needed, we give
you thanks. Amen.

Scriptures: Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon: The Devil is in the Details

Communion

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song: #555: Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing
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

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PotluckApril 9

Program Cabinet.....April 14---1:00

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.

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/>.

Mountain States Mennonite Conference Men's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is March 3-5, 2023. The theme for this year's retreat is "Life Transitions." Retreat sessions will include "Personal Life Transitions" and "Vocation & Location Transitions" as well as a hymn singing session. The weekend starts the morning of Friday the 3rd with the annual workday, this year taking on the Emmental shower renovation project. Additionally, good music, food, fellowship, and play will be part of our time together. Who's up for a couple of "sheets" of Human Curling (an RMMC original)? Or how about traditional curling? Snowshoeing? Online registration (www.rmmc.org) is open for all who want to get away from everyday life to experience fellowship and peace in the beauty that is Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

The Mountain States Mennonite Conference Women's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Camp is coming March 10, 11, and 12. The theme of the weekend will be Meeting the Holy in Nature, and we are excited to welcome Jane Scanlon, who will lead us in "Forest Bathing" which is a practice that invites us to connect with our senses, and experience the natural world with a quiet mind and open heart. During our time together, we will deepen our connection to the holy in the natural world. Additionally, the weekend will include opportunities for fellowship and activities of your choosing, including yoga, hiking, human curling, and crafts, or you may choose to simply relax by the fireplace! Online registration is available at

www.rmmc.org

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Beyond Incarceration webinar series

- **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

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. 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 for the link. got a job that's right for you. Sign up to volunteer [thrift.mcc.org/volunteer!](http://thrift.mcc.org/volunteer/)

Menno Snapshots

During the first week of December 2022, the Executive Council of Mennonite World Conference (MWC) met to finish the business that they had begun in Indonesia in July. Linda Dibble, moderator for Mennonite Church USA and the MWC North American representative for the United States, shares about her experiences of connection with a diverse group of Anabaptists here: mennoniteusa.org/together-global-church

In celebration of the birthday of Anabaptism, which occurs on Jan. 21 each year, Mollee Moua, managing editor of the Anabaptism at 500 Project at MennoMedia, a Mennonite Church USA agency, shares about the work of making the Bible more accessible to all. Read her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/dangerous-work-scripture-together

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.