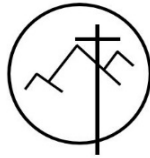


*There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops*

Mountain Community Mennonite Church  
Box 502  
Palmer Lake, CO 80133  
(719) 481-3155



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 4, 2024**

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

**Coffee**

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

[vkrempel@gmail.com](mailto:vkrempel@gmail.com)

[soulreport.WordPress.com](http://soulreport.WordPress.com)

**Elders:** Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

**Information Technology Support:** John Beck

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

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

*Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.*

*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 4, 2024**

**Season of Epiphany**

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

**Speaker**

**Vern Rempel**

**Worship Leader:**

**Dennis Book**

**Song Leader:**

**Don Graber**

**Sound room:**

**Jake Eichelberger**

### ***We Gather***

**Welcome:**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship:**

To whom can we compare you, O Holy One?

We lift up our eyes,

We wait upon the Eternal our God.

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

A song of praise is fitting!

Let us worship God together.

### **WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns:** #182: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#555: Lord I Am Fondly, Earnestly

Longing

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

**Congregational Hymn:**

#714: Let There Be Light

### **Offering and Prayer**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life:**

One/Presider: God invites us to come to worship as our  
whole selves: God offers us a new beginning day by day  
and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for  
transformation and new life:

**All: Holy One, we hope in your steadfast love, bringing  
our broken hearts and our wounded spirits. Make us  
aware of the hearts we break, the spirits we wound, of  
those we treat as outcasts, of those we tread down.  
Renew us in your grace, renew us in your strength. Amen.**

**Scriptures:** Mark 1: 29-39 NRSV

**Sermon:** Healing and Demons and Secrets

### ***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song :** #705: For the Healing of the Nations

**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**

Jake Eichelberger B  
Gayle Preheim B  
Lynn Roth B

February 1  
February 14  
February 14

MCMC

2-11-24: There will be no service at MCMC. All are encouraged to attend the Fat Sunday service at First Congregational Church, 20 E. St. Vrain, Co. Springs, at 10:00 a. Vern Rempel is participating. Pancakes and sausage served after the service.

Mountain States Conference New

Snow Camps are coming again in 2024!

Sr. High.....February 16-18  
Young Adult.....February 16-18  
MSC Assembly (Beth-El).....July 26-28

Dear beloved community,  
With a broken heart I share the news that Kim died Sunday, January 21 around 6:30am. The day before, Jan 20th, we all noticed a significant increase in bodily weakness. Despite feeling physically weak and struggling to speak over a whisper, she was still extremely cognitively present. Her last evening was spent sitting with us on the couch, guiding us in putting away Christmas decorations, scrolling Facebook, doing Wordle/Connections, and enjoying time together as a family. Before bed mom requested a prayer that has become meaningful to our family and had us read a blessing she had picked out from Kate Bowler's book, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotions for a Life of Imperfection*.  
She passed away peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by family in a cuddle puddle, which was one of her last wishes.  
Her memorial service will be on **Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00am MST at Mountain View Church in Glenwood Springs, Colorado**. We will release an obituary, but in the

meantime in lieu of flowers, please continue to either donate to her gofundme page (to assist with expenses related to her care and passing):  
GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/b6902706>  
Or these organizations:  
American Cancer Society: <https://donate.cancer.org>  
Advocate Safehouse: <https://www.advocatesafehouseproject.org/>  
Ten Thousand Villages: <https://tenthousandvillages.kindful.com/>  
or live into Kim's wild-side and donate to Mariah's podcast, Called to be Bad: PayPal.Me/calledtobebadpodcast  
We are continuously overwhelmed with love and community support, especially the family of physicians and staff at Valley View Hospital.  
With love,  
Lauren, Mariah, and Sierra

**SAVE THE DATE:** Assembly 2024 will be the weekend of July 26-28 at Beth-El in Colorado Springs. All are welcome!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

In celebration of Black History Month (February), Mennonite Church USA invites you to discover the people and events that have helped shape our denomination. Visit MC USA's African American Mennonite History Timeline here: [mennoniteusa.org/african-american-mennonite-history-timeline/](https://mennoniteusa.org/african-american-mennonite-history-timeline/)  
Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, climate justice coordinator for Mennonite Church USA, looks at the role of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as an early leader in the environmental justice movement and provides suggested actions to honor his legacy. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/mlk/](https://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/mlk/)

Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC), an independent initiative formed by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee, has begun training volunteer counselors to help young adults find non-military career, service and training opportunities.  
POTC addresses the widespread issue of military recruitment on high school campuses. Since the passage of the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, public high schools who receive assistance through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 are required to give the military as much access to campuses and student contact information as is given to postsecondary institutions and prospective employers. Approximately two-thirds of public high schools receive federal Title 1 ESEA funding.  
Sometimes, local school boards or teachers' unions try to resist this requirement. In July 2023, Congressman Max Miller of Ohio introduced a bill, H.R. 4522, to eliminate this by strengthening ESEA "to ensure access of Armed Forces recruiters to secondary school campuses, and for other purposes." To volunteer and for more information go to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/potc-mobilizes/>

In celebration of the 499th birthday of Anabaptism, John Roth reports on the development of the Anabaptist Community Bible, which is slated to be ready for readers on the 500th birthday of Anabaptism.  
[Read More →](#)

Registration for Mennonite Church USA's [Hope for the Future](#) conference, to be held in Dallas, Texas, Feb. 9-11, 2024, is now open. The annual conference provides space for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) leaders from across the United States to gather and share in mutual support and worship. This year's event is sponsored

by [Everence](#), [Mennonite Central Committee](#), [Mennonite Education Agency](#) and [Mennonite Mission Network](#).

#### **FROM MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...**

Throughout the month of February, compassionate people like you are giving the gift of warm comforters to those in need around the world through MCC's Great Winter Warm-up.

You can also sponsor a comforter in honor of your Valentine! [Click to learn more](#) or call 1-888-563-4676

#### **FROM MENNONITE ACTION...**

On January 16th, 2024, hundreds of Mennonites and interfaith allies [met in Washington, DC for a historic gathering](#) calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Nearly 150 Mennonites were arrested on Capitol Hill in an act of peaceful civil disobedience, singing hymns and praying for peace in a federal building. About 200 additional people held a simultaneous peace vigil outside the building. And a small group delivered a petition with thousands of signatures to our elected officials. Together, we sent a message to our political leaders, our fellow community members, and our Palestinian, Jewish, Arab and Muslim loved ones that there are Christians and Mennonites who stand with them in their call for peace and a ceasefire now.

Eight people from Mountain States churches flew to D.C. to participate. Check out the Colorado Springs [Gazette article here](#).

#### **FROM MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY...**

Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2024, for the MEA Scholarship for BIPOC Students within Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) for the 2024-25 academic year. The scholarship was launched in the fall of 2023 to help students who identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), and who are active in MC USA congregations, to attend a Mennonite college, university, seminary that is partnered with MEA. Said MEA's Executive Director Michael Danner, "MEA's goal with this scholarship is to help more BIPOC students access the quality education they can get at Anabaptist Mennonite schools."

The scholarship is also intended to further the education of future church leaders in MC USA. An applicant's active involvement in a local congregation and vocational objectives will be considered. Scholarship information, requirements, and the application form are available online at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/schools/mea-scholarship-for-bipoc-students/>.

Questions can be directed to Jolene VonGunten, [jolenev@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:jolenev@MennoniteEducation.org) or 574-343-1310.