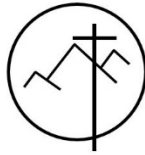


DATE: September 8, 2024

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Join Us – We share God’s love by: Following Jesus,
Reconciling Community and Building Peace
“We are a new creation in Christ - leading us in the
ministry of peace and reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5

DATE September 8, 2024

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00 am: *Discovery Hour*

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

vkrempel@gmail.com
soulreport.WordPress.com

Elders: Wilmer Villacorta, Barb Eichelberger

Information Technology Support: Wilmer Villacorta

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.*

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

Order of Service

Speaker

Melissa Roth

Worship Leader:

Shellenberger

Song Leader:

Dennis Book

Sound room:

Lynn Roth

Rae

We Gather

Welcome:

Announcements:

Time of Quieting:

Call to Worship:

**One: Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount
Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.**

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around
the earth.

**One: We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching
for your goodness and righteousness.**

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around
the earth.

One: Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around
the earth.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymns: #535: How Many Times We Start Again

#25: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...

Congregational Hymn:

#76: Holy, Holy, Holy

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy One, we confess our tendency to exclude rather than
to include, to form closed groups rather than open
communities, and to prioritize comfort rather than
embrace curiosity. Help us to truly love our neighbor,
whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and
with the love you demonstrate toward us.

Peace Moment:

Scriptures: James 1: 17-27 NRSV

Sermon: “Beloved”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song:

#145: Touch the Earth Lightly

Sending Prayer

*Our worship service today was planned by the MCMC
Worship Commission. ***

Please return the hymnals to boxes provided at back of sanctuary. Thank you

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ann Perschbacher B.....

September 8

Wilmer & Jeannie Villacorta A.....

September 12

Mary Gardner

B.....September 17

MCMC

Making Bierocks at Beth-El.....

September 21

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale.....

October 19

Follow Jesus '25.....July

8-12, 2025

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

BECOMING GOOD NEWS IN A WEARY WORLD:

Fostering Prophetic Imagination, Courageous Conversations, Sabbath Circles, Kin-dom Projects, and Communities of Contrast

A HALF-DAY EVENT or A TWO-DAY RETREAT!

FRI-SAT SEPT 13-14, 2024 IN TAOS, NM

REGISTER NOW, SPACE IS LIMITED!

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/goodnewsinawearyworld>

Covenanted Kinship & Prophetic Imagination--these are threads that run deep through nearly all spiritual traditions. *How might the ancient practices of covenanted kinship and prophetic imagination transform our culture today?* How might they be paths each of us can start upon right now, to embody healing and good news in a society that so often seems so full of division, discord, disparity, and despair? Come engage with other allies from communities up and down the Rio Grande to embark on a path that fosters these practices and nurtures courageous conversations, sabbath circles, kin-dom projects and communities of contrast. Join the half day...or jump into the two-day workshop!

To register: contact toddwynward@gmail.com

Cost: \$25 for the half day session. An informal lunch will be provided after the session.

Location: 215 La Posta Rd, Taos, NM 87571

Hosted at & by TiLT [Taos Initiative for Life Together]

Supported by the NM Conference of Churches

Note: This half-day can be experienced as a stand-alone event, but is also the beginning of a two-day "deep dive" workshop launching the Center for Spiritual Resiliency [CSR] in Taos, NM. The mission of the CSR is to create communities of contrast and deepen within sacred activists the persistence, purpose, passion, practices, and people needed to show up as joyful and robust good news in the world as we face today's interlocking crises of despair, destruction, distraction and division. For more information, go to the event link above!

Sojourn Mennonite Fort Collins seeks a halftime (0.5) pastor. See the full job description on their website:

<https://www.sojournmennonite.org/seeking-halftime-pastor>

Contact Amy at amy@mountainstatesmc.org for more information or to apply.

BIEROCKS Beth-El would like help in making the traditional sandwich, Bierocks, on September 21.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP:

Quilters retreat, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2024, gives you space to work on a project while sharing ideas, tips, and stories with fellow quilters. Even if you are not a quilter and still would enjoy attending this retreat for the fellowship or to work on another project (needlepoint, embroidery, cross stitch, etc) please join us! Our leaders for the weekend are Barb Swartzendruber and Mary Yoder.

These retreats are geared towards (but not limited to) members of Mountain States Mennonite Conference churches with a purpose of connecting by faith fellowship and fun through quilting. The weekend will conclude with a Sunday Morning Worship and brunch. [Register](#)

MYF/JYF Community Builder:

The Leadership Board of First Mennonite Church is pleased to announce a new part time staff position for MYF/JYF Community Builder. This position is part of the Faith Formation Program of First Mennonite Church (FMC), located near downtown Denver. It will focus on community building, programming and outreach activities for Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF, Middle School) and Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF, High School) students within FMC and with the surrounding community. The purpose of this position is to provide leadership, coordination, oversight and guidance for JYF and MYF at FMC as part of the Faith Formation Program in collaboration with the Faith Formation Administrator and the Pastor. To see the full job description and/or apply please go to this [link](#)

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and your resume

to: admin@fmcdenver.org

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE...

The Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale is just around the corner, and this year's event is truly special. On Saturday, October 19th, we're kicking off our first year at the new location, the Douglas County Fairgrounds, making this a momentous occasion you won't want to miss! The day starts bright and early with a hearty breakfast at 7 a.m., followed by the Run/Walk for Relief at 8 a.m., setting the tone for a day filled with activities and community spirit.

From 8 a.m. onward, explore a variety of booths, including the Craft Booth, Quilters Corner, Fair Trade Items, Plants, Nutrition, Pantry, and Silent Auction. The excitement continues with the general auction starting at 9:30 a.m., and a special Kids Auction at 10 a.m. to keep the younger ones entertained. Highlights of the day include the Traveling Quilt event at 1 p.m., leading up to the highly anticipated Quilt Auction at 1:30 p.m.

This year's event promises to be a celebration of community, filled with delicious food, handmade treasures, and the joy of reuniting with friends, both old and new. As we embark on this new chapter at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, we invite you to join us in making this a truly memorable day. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come be a part of something special. If you're interested in volunteering or donating an item to support the cause, please visit our website at www.rmmcsale.org. We can't wait to share this momentous event with you!

FROM MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Virginia Mennonite Conference reaffirmed its relationship with Mennonite Church USA at its 2024 Summer Delegate Assembly. Read the full story by June Miller here: mennoniteusa.org/virginia-to-remain **On September 16, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT**, join presenter Ross Erb, associate director of the Collins Center, and host Nancy Kauffmann, interim denominational minister of Church Safety, for an informational webinar on the vital importance of recognizing possible signs of grooming that lead to abuse. Grooming often goes undetected until abuse has caused significant harm and damage. With years of experience in dealing with this issue, Ross will help us better understand what grooming is, how to identify it, and how to prevent it. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-sept-registration View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-sept-webinar-pdf View

the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org//safe-church-sept-webinar-slide

Doug Luginbill reflects on a Mennonite Mission Network Civil Rights learning tour. During this tour, he learned the broader meaning of “potlikker,” a word he and his siblings used during their youth. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/potlikker

FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...

Free lecture: How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7–8 p.m. EDT at Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Road, South Bend, Indiana. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Associate Professor Drew Strait, PhD, will share insights from his new book, *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*: ambbs.edu/challenge-christian-nationalism

Grow in leadership through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Practical Leadership Training modules! Online modules beginning in October. Check out our full list of modules: ambbs.edu/plt

FROM MENNONITE MEN...

Women alone cannot change the historic ranking system that places men at the leadership pinnacle. Men need to be committed to dismantling patriarchy. Jean Zimmerly Jantzi shares the following suggestions for men who want to do better. [Read more.](#)