

DATE: May 18, 2025

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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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

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9:00 am: *Worship Begins*
10:00 am: Discussion

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

Pastor Vern’s email: vkrempel@gmail.com
Pastor Vern’s Blog: soulreport.WordPress.com
Pastor Vern’s political blog is
at mennopol.wordpress.com. Recent posts include:
“Deadly Metal” & “Incarceration Addiction.”
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://mcmcpl.org>

MEETING SCHEDULE: Worship begins at 9:00 at Palmer
Lake every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of month.
Worship begins at 11:00 at Dry Creek on 2nd and 4th
Sundays of month.

EASTER 5

Speaker:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:.....Rae Shellenberger
Song Leader:.....,.....Don Graber
Sound room:.....Lynn Roth

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting
Call to Worship:
Leader: More than kind or charitable, or even humane
this Love that calls us takes on flesh and bone and
vulnerability.
Assembly: We gather here to practice Love’s solidarity,
rising up in the valleys and shadows of death.
Leader: More than nice, or agreeable, or even polite
this Love that forms us risks siding with the last and the
least.
Assembly: We come together to become Love’s liberation
building collective power to resist injustice.
Leader: More than tolerant or accepting, or even
affirming this Love that guides us opens to new stories of
harm and new visions of flourishing.
Assembly: We join together to embody Love’s account-
ability laying down our defenses to grow beyond the edges
of our knowing.
Leader: More than peaceful or unifying, or even friendly
this Love that compels us dares to imagine beyond
empire.
Assembly: We worship to remember Love’s future
praying, praising, and protesting until Love’s kindom
comes.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns: #31: Come We That Love the Lord
#57: Holy Spirit, Come With Power

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: #619 In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting
Offering and Prayer:
Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

Love beyond all knowing, we recognize how deeply limited
our understanding of love is, how often we fail to recognize
Love’s true practice and meaning, how much the powers
and principalities of this world co-opt the idea of “love” for
death-dealing purposes. In the silence of our hearts, let us
call to awareness the misunderstandings of love that have
shaped us as individuals. For the ways we have wounded
your Love, O God, forgive us.


Scriptures: Acts 16: 9-15
During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia
pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to
Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the
good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course
to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to
Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a
Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath
day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there
was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who
had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of
God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer
in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what
was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she
urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,
come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Sermon: “Cow Baptism, Trust, Love”

Communion

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #778: Will You Let me Be Your Servant
Sending Prayer

*If you would like to support this gathering financially, you may give a
check, payable to Mountain Community Mennonite Church, or cash, or give on-
line. PayPal - mcmctreasurer@gmail.com (Icon is a picture of the Palmer Lake
church from the lower parking lot.)

Your 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

Barb & Jake Eichelberger A.....May 19

MCMC

Follow Jesus '25.....July 8-12

MSC Annual Assembly.....August 1-3

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Edwin F. Rempel, 91, died while a resident at Schowalter Villa in Hesston, KS on May 2, 2025. He was born on June 7, 1933 in Meade, Kansas, son of George J. and Marie (Friesen) Rempel. Ed and Kathrine had three children—Vern (Marilyn), Carol, and Connie (John). His life vocation since 1965 was pastor, counselor, chaplain, and conference minister, serving in multiple locations (Colorado, Kansas, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.)

Assembly 2025 Registration is open! Early Bird Registration will get you the best rate! June 30th is the deadline to get the most affordable lodging option in Glenwood Springs! [Register Here](#)

“**Cultivating Peace**” is an upcoming summer series at Beth-El Mennonite Church that will include many engaging speakers and authors. [Learn more](#) about the series

Prayers For our Churches Remember the Albuquerque Mennonite congregation as they adjust to life without a pastoral leader.

The Rocky Mountain Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service has been busy addressing large scale disasters in Colorado and New Mexico. We completed our response to the Marshall Fire in Boulder thanks to your support, volunteer gifts and donations. We are now pivoting to New Mexico, volunteering at the two largest wildfires in state history. We have responded four times in the last year at Las Vegas, New Mexico. We also remain partners with the Taos Pueblo assuring the tribal lands have irrigation water for fields, cattle, horses and the tribal Buffalo Herd, which is the life blood of their culture, and has been taken

away in the disaster of urban development around their 1000 year old lands. We have responded three times there, and will be serving again the third week in April. We will need volunteers in September to help clean irrigation ditches in Taos. While this is not the traditional MDS house building project, it is an opportunity to serve in a slow motion disaster of water wars. Stay tuned.

We also need volunteers willing to help with clearing burned trees from around houses, restoring burned fences and wetlands areas and preparing building sites at the Herman Peak and Calf Canyon wildfires outside of Las Vegas N. M. The burn destroyed hundreds of houses, the watershed for drinking water for 20,000 people and covers 583 miles of destruction. There will be years of recovery work in this project.

How can you help?

Our next scheduled projects are:

--**July 21-26 in Las Vegas, NM (Seven volunteers)**

-**Third week in August we will begin building 3 houses if permits are approved. (10 volunteers)**

We also are responding to the Snowmass Camp for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing outside of Aspen, Colorado the last week of May to address a series of water and wind disasters over the last year, and are building accessible ramps for disabled campers. (six volunteers)

Thank you again for your support. For more information, contact: Paul Johnson, Unit chair, text at 720,880,8773 or Mike Smith, New Mexico Project Coordinator at:505.603.5739

Welcome Kits that are used at Roca de Refugio.

The items needed for one kit are:

- *One lightweight bath towel*
- *One wash cloth*
- *One tube of toothpaste - 6 oz or larger*
- *Two toothbrushes*
- *One travel toothbrush holder*
- *One package of disposable razors - 10 to 20 razors*
- *One bottle of body wash (closeable) - 12 oz or larger*
- *One bottle of shampoo - 12 oz or larger*
- *One stick of deodorant*
- *Hand Sanitizer*
- *Water Bottle (12 oz or larger)*

- *Feminine hygiene products*
- *Several sturdy gallon-size zip-lock bags*

Items will be collected by individual churches and mailed to Roca. The address will be sent to pastors in MSMC

FROM MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)

The promise we dream” Peace Camp, June 16-21

“*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.:” (Joel 2:28, NIV)*

What does it mean to live into God’s promise? As God’s Spirit is poured out onto us, we are called to go forth searching for and proclaiming justice and love for all. With division and inequalities in our world, we can come together to imagine and create a world that is home to each one of us. Join us for a week of exploration and adventure as we discover and learn how to build bridges across our diverse identities and unique perspectives, living into God’s promise cohesively. Surrounded by the pristine beauty of Camp Deerpark, we will address how to lean into restorative justice, power, and identify both in an interpersonal and societal context.

MCC Peace Camos are one-week, hands-on learning experiences for young adults (18-30 years of age) to build community together, experience personal transformation and apply Anabaptist foundations of peace and justice to real world issues.

When: June 16-21, 2025

Where: Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville, New York

Who: Young adults aged 18-30

How: [Register](#) by May 30

Registration Fee: \$250 guarantees your spot at the camp.

Peace Camps are one way to encourage and support the next generation of the Church to live out an active faith as peacemakers. Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to apply. MCC covers all costs of travel, lodging and meals beyond the registration fee. We encourage churches, schools, families and friends to support participants in the registration fee where possible. This is an opportunity not to be missed, so tap someone on the shoulder or come join yourself!