

DATE: June 1, 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.”
Elder: 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.

7th Sunday of Easter

Speaker:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:.....Melissa Roth
Song Leader:.....Vern Rempel
Sound room:.....Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting
Call to Worship:
One: Creator, today we give you thanks
ALL: for believing we can be born again.
One: Creator, today we give you thanks
ALL: for the diversity of which all of Your creation is
birthed.
One: Creator, today we give you thanks
ALL: for the knowledge that we aren’t always right and for
the capability to change.
One: Creator, today we give you thanks
ALL: for the desire to change structures and institutions
that tell us community is less valuable than the individual.
One: Creator, today we give you thanks
ALL: for the positivity, resistance, and beauty in this some
times ugly world.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns: #360: Who Are These
#371: Come, Gracious Spirit
Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: Keep Your Eyes on the Prize
Paul and Silas bound in jail
Had no money for to go their bail
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on

Chorus:
Hold on, hold on

Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on

Paul and Silas began to shout
Jail door opened and they walked out
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on
Hold on...

I got my hand on the gospel plow
Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on
Hold on...

Well the only thing we did was wrong
Stayed in the wilderness too long
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on
Hold on...

The only thing that we did was right
Was the day we started to fight
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on
Hold on...

We met jail and violence too
But God's love will see us through
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on
Hold on...

Only chain that we can stand
Is the chain o' hand on hand
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on, hold on
Hold on...

Offering and Prayer:
Prayer of Transformation and New Life:
Creator, we have been led astray by the systems that
promote individuality, greed, absolutism, and patriarchy.
We know that you forgive us because You invite us into
new birth again and again. You invite us to embody new
understandings of collectivity and new ways of acting in
and towards the world – to be witness to the evils of
patriarchy and supremacy and the politics of people and

ask us instead, to give gratitude and love. Be with us as we change to become more of what You ask us to be – joyful in the journey towards reparations and true Grace.


Scriptures: Lectionary Reading from the Revised Common Lectionary: Acts 16: 16-40

Sermon: : Paul, Silas, Jail, Us

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #57: Holy Spirit, Come With Power

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 online. 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

Rick & Rae Shellenberger A.....June 3

Dennis Book & Heidi Juell A.....June 5

MCMC

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

Piano Recital.....July 18, 4:00 pm

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

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Assembly 2025

We encourage individuals and churches to consider becoming “Hospitality Sponsors”! This is a way for you to help us welcome youth to our Assembly. Hospitality sponsor’s donations will help young families and youth that wish to attend Assembly with housing and food costs. To be a sponsor, go to the registration form and choose one of the “Hospitality Sponsor” options. We are grateful for your consideration of this way to practice hospitality to each other! Early Bird Registration will get you the best rate! Early Bird Registration ends May 31st! [Register Here](#) Our theme this year is Wholehearted Hospitality. During our assembly we will be exploring various aspects of hospitality. The dictionary defines it as, “the friendly and

generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers”. **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

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

Lead Pastor Opportunity – First Mennonite Church of Denver First Mennonite Church (FMC), a vibrant congregation rooted in Anabaptist values and located in the heart of downtown Denver, is seeking a full-time Lead Pastor. Our community is guided by the principles of simplicity, peace, justice, community, and service. We’re looking for a spiritually grounded, relational leader who feels called to ministry in an urban setting—someone who will walk with us, inspire us, and grow alongside our diverse and welcoming congregation. If you are a servant leader with a heart for inclusive faith and a vision for meaningful discipleship in today’s world, we invite you to explore this opportunity. View the full job description and learn more: <https://www.fmcdenver.org/new-page-1> **Albuquerque Mennonite Church (AMC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico**

has an opening for a three-quarters time (0.75 FTE) lead pastor for a three-year contract, with the possibility of full-time within the next 18 months. Albuquerque Mennonite Church is a vibrant, dynamic 37-year-old urban congregation of about 125 regular (and irregular) attenders. We are an inclusive Anabaptist group representing a wide variety of Mennonite, Protestant, Catholic and other backgrounds. The thread holding us together is a deep desire to follow Jesus’s way of peace and to be a prophetic voice in our community and in our world. Full Job Description here: https://abqmennonite.net/2025-01-28_AMC_PastorJobDescription.pdf **Sojourn Mennonite Fort Collins** Are you interested in helping to grow a vibrant, welcoming community that fosters spiritual growth and actively lives out Jesus’ teachings? If so, Sojourn Mennonite is looking for you. We are a small community seeking peace within ourselves and in our world, with members involved in issues of immigration, incarceration, Native American justice, and serving the unhoused. We would like a half-time pastor to help us learn new ways of nurturing our souls and expanding our community. The benefit package we offer aligns with the Mennonite Church USA guidelines. If you are interested in learning more about Sojourn, please visit the full job posting on our website: <https://www.sojournmennonite.org/seeking-halftime-pastor> and contact Amy Zimbelman at amyz@mountainstatesmc.org .

Summer Resident Camps @RMMC: Resident Camps offer a slice of summer where campers experience the outdoors in a fun and safe community. Campers experience a new adventure while growing in their faith and exploring the Rocky Mountains. Our theme for Summer 2025 is Rocky Road. We don't always know which road to take and it can often be a rocky one. Join in as we explore what the Bible tells us about these rocky roads - rocks that bring life and refuge (Ex. 17:6, Mat. 16:18), rocks that cry out (Luke 19:40), even rocks we think are too great to move (Mark 16:3-4). Register by May 31 to take advantage of the better rate!