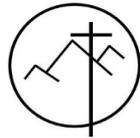


DATE: August 10, 2025

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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: August 17, 2025
Palmer Lake

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: Barb Eichelberger, Dwight Landis
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>

MEETING SCHEDULE: Worship begins at 9:00 at Palmer
Lake every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of month.
Worship begins at 10:00 at Dry Creek on 2nd Sunday of
month.

Speaker:Wilmer Villacorta
Worship Leader:..... Dennis Book
Song Leader:.....Don Graber
Sound room:.....Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:
**One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven
and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your
right hand planted.**

Many: The world is ablaze around us with pain and
suffering, natural disasters and human schemes, injustice
and brokenness.

**One: Create again, O God of Fire; respond to the needs of
your people and shepherd us to be good stewards of your
creation.**

Many: Let your Holy Fire meet the infernos that seek to
consume us with refining and renewing power.

**One: Redeem again, O God of hosts; ignite a flame within
your kindom that will spread as a wildfire of
righteousness and love.**

Many: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that
we may be saved.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns: #182: I Sing the Mighty Power of God
#640: My Shepherd Will Supply my Need
Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: #619: On the Rifted Rock I’m
Resting
Offering and Prayer:

Peace Moment: How Have You Acted or Seen Others Act
for Peace?

Prayer of Transformation and New Life:
Transforming One, forgive us for dampening your fire, even
for our failure to recognize your movement among us. Help
us to follow in the path of life abundantly for our neighbors
and ourselves. Make us instruments of your kindom as we
encourage and uplift one another like iron sharpens iron.
Surround us as a community of accountability and support
to transform us in your image, character, and nature. We
receive the gift of new grace, new mercies, and new life
that you offer to us each day. Amen.

Scriptures: Matthew 26: 38-41
Sermon: The Sacrament of the Present Moment and Pure
Presence

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

Jayne Liew BAugust 18
Brenda Smith B.....August 31

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**Peaches to be delivered.....August
23**
FCMF 50th Anniversary.....September 14
Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale.....October 18

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Assembly 2025

The planning committee is grateful that so many of y'all joined us in Glenwood Springs this year for the Annual Assembly! We enjoyed the time together and hope it was meaningful for you. Save the date for next year's assembly: July 24-26, 2026 in beautiful Boulder, CO.

In case you missed some of the sessions or want to relive the memories, check out these videos on our YouTube channel:

--[Saturday morning worship service](#) 8/2/25

--[Delegate session](#) 8/2/25

--Workshop on 8/2/25: [Navigating the Digital Stream - Safe Social Media Practices for Ministry](#), presented by MC USA staff

--[Sunday morning worship service](#) 8/3/25

Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship (FCMF) has been around for 50 years, and the Mennonites have been around for 500 years!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10 AM to 2 PM

- Special worship service
- Delicious potluck lunch
- Exhibits by local partners and vendors
- Live entertainment by **Betwixt n Between** (bluegrass/gospel band)

We also urge you to visit our "500-50" GoFundMe site and consider contributing to our ongoing work with the homeless:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/celebrating-500-and-50-years-of-faith-and-service>

Writing Retreat for Church Leaders, Southwest

Church leaders, do you want to explore and develop your own voice as a writer? Isaac Villegas is leading a Collegeville Institute 5-day workshop-retreat that will focus on the theme of immigration—to think and write about the migration stories that shape our lives. The workshop will take place in Tucson, AZ, in March of 2026. Applications are due September 7, 2025. Except for transportation to and from the retreat center, all expenses (including food and accommodations) will be covered.

<https://collegevilleinstitute.org/events/event/writing-in-the-wilderness-reflecting-on-the-immigration-stories-that-have-shaped-our-lives-march-2026/>

Rocky Mountain MCC Sale **Mark your calendars!** You're invited to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 18th, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

This annual event is a meaningful and fun-filled day of community, connection, and generosity, all in support of global relief, development, and peace efforts through Mennonite Central Committee.

Quiltmakers and admirers - we are looking forward to the Rocky Mountain Relief Sale and Quilt Auction again this year at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on October 18th and welcome your handcrafted new or excellent-condition, second-owner quilt donations.

The quilt submission form is open on the Relief Sale Website: <http://www.rmmcsale.org>.

You can also use this link to go directly to the submission form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhHB8Gg8jLKI719zjpHs18PMSvrwuiRXjE1e53Er6qpH150A/viewform?pli=1>. We hope to have 100 quilts in the auction again this year. The deadline for the online submissions is September 1st. Please deliver your quilt to one of the quilt contacts noted in the guidelines on the website by September 15th. If you have any trouble or need any support, please reach out to me at eschrockefs@yahoo.com or 303-549-5882.

"Cultivating Peace" is a summer series at Beth-El Mennonite Church that will include many engaging speakers and authors. [Learn more](#) about these events and find the schedule [here](#).

JOB OPENINGS

Lead Pastor Opportunity – First Mennonite Church of Denver 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' way of peace and to be a prophetic voice in our community and 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 and 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-half-time-pastor> and contact Amy Zimbelman at amyz@mountainstatesmc.org.

FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK...

Join us as we celebrate the retirement of Linda Shelly from Mennonte Mission Network on Thursday, August 28

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (come and go)

Location: 718 N Main Street, Newton, KS 67114

Mailing Option: If individuals are unable to attend but would like to share a memory or message, cards can be mailed to:

MMN, 718 N Main Street, Newton, KS 67114 c/o Amber Henrich

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

How can you help?

1. The Alexander Mountain fire outside of Estes Park, Colorado, will require site preparation. No chainsaws or tree cutting, just erosion control at the fire site and planting of 4000 tree seedlings. This is set for the last week of September. We encourage families and youth to join us for a one-day work project.
2. Pray for the people in New Mexico who have been waiting for over two years to restore their homes and lands that have been in their families for four generations. No one else has responded, and they are giving up hope.
3. Join the Rocky Mountain Unit (Colorado, Westcliff Amish, and New Mexico partners) in two to four-day projects in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Our next scheduled projects are:
-In early October, we will begin building 3 houses if permits are approved. **(10 volunteers)**

4. Finally, if you are unable to volunteer, a donation of \$95 to MDS, Rocky Mountain Unit will feed project volunteers for one breakfast and lunch on the project. A donation of \$120 will fund all the volunteers a hearty home-cooked dinner and provide beverages to keep them hydrated for a day.

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, 505.603.5739