

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

DATE: August 24, 2025
Palmer Lake

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

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

Pastor Vern’s email: vkrempe@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 Landes

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.

DATE: August 24, 2025
Sermon Series: How to Live in Exile in Our Time

Speaker:**Wilmer Villacorta**
Worship Leader:..... **Janelle Diller**
Song Leader:..... **Don Graber**
Sound room:.....**Lynn Roth**

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: Let us worship the Holy One, our refuge, hope and
trust. Our praise is continually of our God!**

Many: God will not put us to shame. God is our rock!

**One: Turn to the God who saves and delivers. Our praise
is continually of our God!**

Many: God’s righteousness redeems. God is our shelter!

**One: Find rest and delight in the Holy One. Our praise is
continually of our God!**

Many: We lean upon the Holy One. God is our sure
foundation!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #435: Blessed Assurance

#212: Comfort, Comfort O my People

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

Congregational Hymn: #714: Let There be Light

Offering and Prayer: Offertory, Jay Liew

Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

God, we confess that we have trampled the sabbath. We
claim your name and not your way. We cling to excuses to
avoid discomfort or sacrifice in service of our neighbor. We
turn from human suffering. We keep silent in the face of
wickedness. Transform us, O God, that we might be saved
from the vise of evil and the lure of inaction. Rebuild us
with righteousness and hope and redeem us for your
kindom. Amen.

Scriptures: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Sermon: Humble King and Kindom

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #831: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

Brenda Smith B.....August 31

MCMC

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/1FAIpQLSfhHB8Gg8jLKI719zjpHs18PMSvrwRXjELe53Er6qpH15OA/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 Mennonite 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