

DATE: September 21, 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

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10:00 am: Worship Begins
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 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.

Speaker:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:..... Dennis Book
Song Leader:.....Vern Rempel
Sound room:.....Lynn Roth

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until
its setting, the name of God deserves our praise!**

Many: Who is like our God...seated on high?

**One: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and
remembers the poor and those in need.**

Many: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels
the exalted.

**One: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty,
who repairs and redeems.**

Many: The Redeemer pours out love and justice,
compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the
Holy One!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #22: What is This Place

#57: Holy Spirit, Come With Power

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

Congregational Hymn: # Grace to You and Peace:

hand out

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Redeemer, forgive us for defiling your holy ground. We
have not cared for your creation, we have not loved our
neighbor as ourselves, and we have not been faithful with
the gifts you have given to us. We ask you not to clean our
slate but to renew our hearts. Soften the hardness this
world encourages us to wrap around our hearts, and
replace it with compassion, empathy, and accountability to
our neighbor, siblings, and creation. Awaken a new life
within us. Amen.

Scriptures: Galatians 3: 26-29

Sermon: The Beautiful Church

Communion

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #838: La Paz se la Tierra

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

Heidi Juell.....September 27

MCMC

FCMF 50th Anniversary.....September 14

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale.....October 18

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Wayfarers Chapel (In discernment about joining the conference) As one piece of the discernment puzzle, watch this brief [VIDEO](#) of Conference Minister Amy interviewing Collin Downing, the pastor of Wayfarers Chapel. Collin is describing a community centered around hospitality and service.

Invitation: Get to know Wayfarers by joining them in serving at **Creek Week!**

Every year hundreds of volunteers gather for the important clean up of the Southern Colorado Fountain Creek watershed. This "Creek Week" event has been a family-friendly service project that Wayfarers Chapel has participated in for many years as a way of demonstrating our values of ecological stewardship and neighborliness. On Saturday, Oct 4th from 9-11am we will be leading a clean-up along the Cheyenne Run (or Creek) and wanted to invite anyone who's willing to volunteer with us! Then after the clean-up, you're invited to the Downing House (where our church gatherings often occur) at 214 W. Navajo St. Colorado Springs 80905 for a potluck. Hope to see you there!

--Collin Downing (Pastor of Wayfarers)

Care Packages to Roca

"I was a prisoner and you visited me."

You may not be able to visit a detention center in San Antonio, but you can still do something to make a difference for our friends caught up in the immigration system there. Roca de Refugio is inviting the rest of the conference to provide care packages for families who have a loved one in detention or in the deportation process.

Possible items include:

For adults: Cozy socks, cookies, hot chocolate, tea, mugs, candles, face masks, lotions, journal and pen, notes of support, etc.

For kids: Stuffed animals, cozy socks, soft blanket, candy, cookies, coloring book/notebook and pen, activities book (with no or little English), etc.

Email Cheryl: administrator@mountainstatesmc.org to request the name and info of the next family on the list, and you (or your church, or a couple of your friends with you) can send them some love. Thank you for your support!

A new issue of Zing! is available now. Click on this [LINK](#) to see the September issue.

You can **print the Zing!** by opening it in your web browser using the standard print function (usually by pressing Ctrl+P on Windows or Cmd+P on Mac) to save it as a PDF or print directly to your printer.

Beth-El Mennonite We at Beth-El Mennonite would love to invite your congregation to join us on Sunday, Oct. 5th, as part of Mennonite Action's national *To Build Our Courage* tour. This fall and winter, **Mennonite Action** is traveling across the US to train Mennonites and people of faith to meet this moment with courage—standing up to authoritarianism, continuing organizing against ICE, and working for peace and justice in Palestine.

At the training in Colorado Springs, we'll dive into practical skills around noncooperation, grassroots organizing, and mutual aid, as well as share in worship and a meal together. We hope it will be a time of inspiration, courage, and connection. Learn more and sign up here:

<https://www.mennoniteaction.org/tour>

Rocky Mountain MCC Sale

We are just two months away from the **2025 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in Castle Rock on Saturday, October 18th**, and preparations are well

underway! There are several ways you can help make the sale a success:

- **Spread the word** – share the flyer and invite friends and neighbors.
- **Make school kits** – a trailer will be at the sale to collect and deliver these to Kansas.
- **Donate an item** – contribute to one of the auctions (General, Silent, Kids, or Quilt).
- **Bake a pie** – we need fruit or shoo-fly pies. Please do not bring pies that require refrigeration.
- **Provide for the pantry** – donate a homemade or specialty pantry item.

For more details and resources, please visit our website: <https://rmmcsale.org/>

Thank you for your continued support. Proceeds benefit the international relief and development work of Mennonite Central Committee: www.mcc.org. We look forward to seeing you in Castle Rock on **October 18th!** **"Cultivating Peace" is a summer series at Beth-El Mennonite Church** The two remaining speakers are: **September 19-21 – weekend with [Shane Claiborne](#), details to come**

October 5 –[Osheta Moore](#)

JOB OPENINGS

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