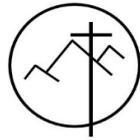


DATE: September 28, 2025

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
Box 502
Palmer Lake, CO 80133
(719) 481-3155



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: September 28, 2025
Palmer Lake

9:00 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:..... Rae Shellenberger
Song Leader:.....Vern Rempel
Sound room:.....Lynn Roth

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:
One: Praise God! Praise the Holy One, O my soul!
Many: We will sing praises to God our whole lives long!
**One: Praise God in whom we may trust. Praise God in
whom we may hope.**
Many: Happy are we whose hope is in the Maker of
heaven and earth.
**One: The Holy One lifts the bowed down. The Righteous
One loves justice.**
Many: The Holy One brings the way of the wicked to ruin.
Praise God who reigns forever!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns: #7: Come, Let us All Unite to Sing
#375: Joys are Flowing Like a River
Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: Hand Out: Grace to You and Peace
Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:
Compassionate God, we need to repent. We confess that
too often we only care about our own suffering and
discomfort and ignore the pain and troubles of our
neighbor. We turn away or even contribute to the plight of

others. We feast on systems that create deprivation and
inequity. We enjoy the spoils of war that leave human
siblings to subsistence in rubble and ruins. We accept
distortions of the gospel that claim that your creation is
insufficient to meet the needs of your beloved when your
kindom enables all to flourish. Meet us as we turn back to
your way and your reign. Liberate us so that we may be
instruments of restoration, repair, and renewal in your
name. Amen.

Scriptures: Galatians 5: 22-23
Sermon: Gracious God
Communion

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #504: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
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

Memorial Service

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

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Wayfarers Chapel (In discernment about joining the conference)

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!

Menno Action in Colorado: Glennon Heights, Beth-El Mennonite, Alamosa & Glenwood Springs

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.

Mennonite Action is coming to Glennon Heights on October 4th, Beth-El in Colorado Springs on October 5th, Alamosa on October 6th, and Glenwood Springs on October 8th as part of their national *To Build Our Courage* tour! This training will offer skills in noncooperation, grassroots organizing, and mutual aid, along with time for worship in prayer, song and sharing a meal together. Join us as we seek courage, inspiration, and deeper commitment to peace and justice. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/tour>

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and Mennonite Disaster

Service There is an upcoming opportunity to be of service to both Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and MDS at the same time. MDS will be bringing their equipment to RMMC on October 6-11, 2025, when these two organizations will team up to do some fire mitigation around the camp. Getting rid of dead or dying trees will help decrease the chance of a wildfire causing loss and damage at RMMC as well as helping to lower the cost of property insurance.

If interested, contact Brad Shelly with any questions or to sign up to help. Come for the entire week or any part of it. Lodging and food provided. 720-459-2929; bradshelly55@yahoo.com

A Feast of Joy in uncertain Times: A Women's Retreat with Anita Amstutz and Geneva Shoemaker

October 5-11, 2025

This all women's retreat will be held at Casa Del Sol, an adobe hacienda in the painted desert and Georgia O'Keeffe country. Come away to the high desert and take time to strengthen your innate resilience, courage and love. Based upon the 2018 book, "Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath," this women's retreat will create space to empty out mind distractions, suffering, and the saturation we feel in our lives. In our women's circle we will experience music, contemplative practices, nature, art, ritual, and ceremony—all set in the soaring beauty and intimate canyons of Ghost Ranch in Northern New Mexico. This retreat honors the holiness of who you are, creating ways to feast on your life and restore your soul! Some themes we will explore include creativity, abundance, desire, joy, sorrow, healing, stillness, prayer and "what makes your heart sing!" To register for this program, please call in only! Angela Valdez (505) 685-4881 or Prescilla Tafoya (505) 685-1019

Rocky Mountain MCC Sale

Mark Your Calendars – Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale!

We're excited to invite you to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 18th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds! There's truly something for everyone:

- Thrilling auctions filled with unique treasures
- Delicious food you won't want to miss
- Beautiful handmade goods crafted with care
- Fair trade items that support communities around the world

It's more than just a sale – it's a day of fun, fellowship, and purpose.

👉 Visit our website, <https://rmmcsale.org> for the full list of activities and to explore volunteer opportunities.

We can't wait to see you there and share in this wonderful tradition together!

When: Saturday, October 18th

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock Colorado

Youth Booth

The Annual MCC Relief Sale is COMING! On Saturday, October 18th, we are planning on having a Youth Booth for all youth in our conference to participate and get to know each other! We will be running the cheese booth this year, which will include sausages as well. We are looking for 4 people per hour, at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Please review the available slots [HERE](#) and sign up. For questions, please reach out to Pastor Hannah at hannah@bmccs.org. Thank you!

"Cultivating Peace" the summer series at Beth-El Mennonite Church included many engaging speakers and authors is coming to a close. The remaining speaker is

October 5 –[Osheta Moore](#)

JOB OPENINGS

Albuquerque Mennonite Church (AMC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico Albuquerque Mennonite 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

A new issue of Zing! is available now. Click on this [LINK](#) to see the September issue. Catch up on all that's new and read reflections on our Assembly. 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.