

DATE: October 26, 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
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 10:30 at Dry Creek on 2nd Sunday of
month.

Sermon Theme: Study of Galatians

Speaker:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:.....Rae Shellenberger
Song Leader:..... Dennis Book
Sound room: Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: God moves with us throughout this earth and
nurtures the soil,**
Many: Our neighbors are awed by God’s works.
**One: God’s river flows with water, and the fields are
blessed by the Spirit,**
Many: Our neighbors are awed by God’s gifts.
One: God’s wilderness fields overflow with joy.
Many: Our neighbors are awed by God’s grace.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns: #495: Morning Has Broken
#120: For the Beauty of the Earth
Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: #710: This is My Song
Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

God of the Mountains and Canyons,
The range of emotions that wash through us are often
triggers for the ways we hold ourselves. At times, we seek
humility, but often find ourselves believing we do not
deserve your love. Other times, as we search for

confidence, we believe we are your favorites and find
ourselves in moments of comparison, contrast, and
judgment. Are we better than our neighbors? How can we
relate to siblings in Christ when their lives are not like ours
and they stand out when visiting our spaces? We are
misguided as we give thanks that our lives are not as
chaotic and unkempt as theirs. Yet you ask us to seek
humility and know that each of your children are loved
equally. Help us to extend mercy to our neighbors, and fill
their minds with words of encouragement. May each of us
know our value in your Realm and experience your love in
its fullness. Amen.

Scriptures: Galatians 6: 15, NRSV

Sermon: Being Like Paul: Spirit and Compassion

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #177: All Things Bright and Beautiful

 **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

Marilyn Brenneman B.....October 28

MCMC

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

October is Ministers Appreciation Month!

Ministers Appreciation Month isn't about checking a box—it's about strengthening your pastor/chaplain/leader so they can continue strengthening your church and community. Don't be afraid to be bold in your gratitude for your minister(s)--they do so much for us!

Wayfarers Chapel - *in discernment about joining the Conference*

Pastor Collin and folks at Wayfarers Chapel want to get to know YOU!

We're setting up virtual conversations/spaces to meet and greet. Anyone from across the conference is welcome to join.

Join us for one or both sessions:

--Lunchtime chat at 11:30 Tues, Oct 28

--Evening chat at 6:30 Weds, Nov 12

Come ready to ask questions, share stories of life together, or just listen. Feel free to eat your lunch or dinner while participating. Amy or Rhoda will facilitate the conversations. To get the Zoom link, RSVP to

Amy amy@mountainstatesmc.org or Rhoda rhodab@mountainstatesmc.org.

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!

Other resources to note

--Credentialed Leaders Retreat is Nov 14-16 this year at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Encourage the ministers in your life to take the time to refresh with colleagues!

--Pulpit supply: We've added some names to the list of folks willing to guest preach in Mountain States congregations. Worship leaders/administrators/those who help set up the preaching schedule: let Amy know if you'd like more info: amy@mountainstatesmc.org

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. 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 Beautiful Day for a Great Cause: 50th Annual Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale

It was a gorgeous Saturday in Castle Rock as we celebrated the **50th Annual Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale**—and what a day it was! The event was filled with joyful fellowship, delicious food, unique handcrafted and fair-trade items, and, of course, our ever-popular quilt auction.

The festivities kicked off bright and early on Friday as volunteers came together to set up for Saturday's big event. We were especially excited to welcome back our beloved Apple Cider booth, and even more thrilled to introduce two new food vendors: Venezuelan arepas and Ethiopian cuisine—both were a big hit!

Families had plenty to enjoy as well, with kids loving the fun of riding around in the barrel train, a highlight for many of our youngest attendees.

Thank you to everyone who came out, donated, volunteered, and supported MCC. Whether you were reconnecting with old friends or making new ones, the spirit of community and generosity was truly inspiring.

We're still finalizing the financial results, so please stay tuned—we'll share how much was raised for Mennonite Central Committee very soon!