

DATE: November 2, 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://mcmcpl.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:Paul Johnson
Worship Leader:.....Wilmer Villacorta
Song Leader:..... Don Graber
Sound room: Lynn Roth

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:
One: I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,
Many: And through my transparency, God shares Divine
Grace.
One: I allow God to know the depths of my grief,
Many: And through my openness, God shares Divine
Peace.
One: I refused to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God
shares Divine Presence.
Many: And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine
Strength.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymns: #764: O For a Thousand Tongues
#737: Breath on Me Breath of God
Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: #419: Great is Thy Faithfulness
Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:
Christ who abides as our Holy Guest,
We rush to find you as if you are our favorite celebrity. We
look for you in the pretty people with seemingly
uncomplicated lives. And yet, you are hanging with folks

who many consider quirky, unique, and holy messes. You
seek companions with our neighbors who are scattered
and whose lives seem like fountains of chaos. We neglect
noticing you as you like to dwell with the ones who abide
in corners, shadows, and hidden in trees. May we seek you
in the hearts of our neighbors instead of being distracted
by shallow charmers and earthly glamour. Amen.

Scriptures: Galatians 6: 8-9
Sermon: Harvest of Hope

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #776: Teach Me Thy Truth
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

Marilyn Brenneman B.....October 28

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H2O Church Potluck.....November 23

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

CONGRATS!

Rebecca Scull will be ordained to ministry at Living Light of Peace on the morning of November 9th.

Mike Martin will be ordained at Beth-El Mennonite the evening of December 7th.

Wayfarers Chapel - in discernment about joining the Conference

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

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

Join us for the last session:

--Evening chat at 6:30 Wed, 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.

Health coverage through MC USA sponsored The Corinthian Plan offers open enrollment beginning November 1st - December 31st, 2025, for a January 1st, 2026, start. If your congregation is looking for health coverage for your staff, contact duncans@mennoniteusa.org or go to [The Corinthian Plan | Mennonite Church USA](#) for more information. For those renewing your coverage, watch for your renewal packets in the mail. There are significant changes to the design of the health coverage plan, so be sure to read it carefully. Deadline to renew is November 17th, 2025. For questions, connect with your Area Advocate, Joe Christophel or Teresa Pickens; or Director, Duncan Smith; or Everence Service Assistant, Denise Henke (denise.henke@everence.com).

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.

Comfort Kits for Families of Refugees in Detention

We need your support! Rocky Mountain MDS will again partner in supporting a second compassion drive for those caught in a human disaster in Texas. We will be transporting your comfort care kits to the Roca De Refugio church in San Antonio this month. Our churches have been so generous in helping those in need in the past. Now we are asked to send care kits to families who are grieving the loss of one or more of their members in detention. The goal is to let families at the border know we are praying and supporting them. Two different kinds of care kits are requested. One is for adults and one for children. All kits need to be completed by NOVEMBER 8 and delivered to Glennon Heights Mennonite Church. MDS will pick them up there. Here is the request published in the Mountain States conference Zing:

Please assemble two different kits:

Adult Care Kit---cozy socks, tea or hot chocolate, a cup for relaxing beverages, bath soaps, cookies, facemasks, lotion, journal and pens, a personally written note of love and support in Spanish if possible.

Children's Care Kit---Small stuffed animal, cozy sock, soft blanket, candy, cookies, coloring books and pen and colored pencils, activity books with limited English words, and a personally written note of love and support, possibly illustrated by children or grandchildren. Spanish messages would be welcomed.

Questions? Ask your MDS Congregational Contact Person or text Paul Johnson, 720. 880.8773 Thank you for your compassion and support

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!

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