

**DATE: November 16, 2025**

**All Saints Day**

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](mailto:vkrempel@gmail.com)

Pastor Vern’s Blog: [soulreport.WordPress.com](http://soulreport.WordPress.com)

Pastor Vern’s political blog is

at [mennopol.wordpress.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month.

Worship begins at 10:30 at Dry Creek on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
month.

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

**WE GATHER**

Welcome  
Announcements  
Time of Quieting

**Call to Worship:**

**One: O Sing to our Creator a New Song,**

Many: Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!

**One: With trumpets and sounds of the horn**

Many: We create joyful sounds for you, God of love.

**One: The hills will sing together in bliss.**

Many: Just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme, we  
serenade our Creator.

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns:** #667: Shall We Gather at the River  
#126: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Placing of bricks outside**

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

**Congregational Hymn:** #672: For All the Saints

**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life:**

Holy Strength,

At the signs of conflict in our communities and world, we  
cower instead of running towards the needs of our  
neighbors. We believe the end is near, but in actuality, this

is another wave of dread coming from our fellow humans.  
Unfortunately, we can’t simply wish this conflict away.  
Instead you call us to walk through the fire and to use our  
voices. Forgive us when we want to stop instead of  
continuing to follow the way of Jesus. Give us grace to  
keep moving forward, even when betrayal and hate are  
raining upon us. Amen.

**Scriptures:** John 1: 1-5, NRSV

**Sermon:** A Story-Formed People

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**Sending Song:** #812: Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

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may give a check, payable to Mountain Community  
Mennonite Church, or cash, or give on-line. PayPal -  
[mcmctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**Doug & Becky Harder A.....November 25**

Randy Brenneman B.....November 26

**MCMC**

H2O Church Potluck.....November 23

### **MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

Congrats!

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

**Colorado Rapid Response Network (CORRN)** is committed to responding to raids, deportations, and any Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity happening across the state in our communities. Our network comprises multiple immigrant advocacy and activist groups. If you witness any ICE activity, you can report it using 1-844-864-8341 or visit their website [https://](https://www.coloradorapidresponseresponse.com/)

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**Health coverage through MC USA**, sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, offers open enrollment from November 1st to December 31st, 2025, with a January 1st, 2026, start date. If your congregation is seeking health coverage for its staff, please contact [duncans@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:duncans@mennoniteusa.org) or visit [The Corinthian Plan | Mennonite Church USA](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/the-corinthian-plan) 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; therefore, please read it carefully. The deadline to renew is **November 17th, 2025**. For questions, please contact your Area Advocates, Joe Christophel ([joechristophel@gmail.com](mailto:joechristophel@gmail.com)), Teresa Pickens (920.248.2268), or Director, Duncan Smith ([DuncanS@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:DuncanS@mennoniteusa.org)); or Everence Service Assistant, Denise Henke ([denise.henke@everence.com](mailto:denise.henke@everence.com)).

### **Care Packages to Roca**

The list of those detained continues to grow.

*"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 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, a journal and a pen, notes of support, etc.

For tweens and teens: self-care items, fashion accessories, games, crafts, etc.

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

Email Cheryl: [administrator@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto: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**

--**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](mailto:amy@mountainstatesmc.org)