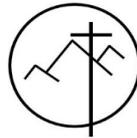


DATE: December 7, 2025

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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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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.

2nd Sunday of Advent, Theme: “Star Light”

Speaker:Vern Rempel

Worship Leader:.....Angela Liew

Song Leader:.....Dennis Book

Sound room:Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: At the start of every day, God shakes us awake to
the possibility of reconciliation and joyful abundance.**

Many: May our Great Redeemer, who judges all with
righteousness, reward the tyrannized with justice.

**One: In every season, God tends to the child within us,
bringing into harmony all distress and despair.**

Many: May our Beloved Emmanuel defend the cause of
the deprived, give deliverance to the abused,
and overwhelm the will of their persecutors.

**One: Throughout all generations, God bestows upon the
people a peace that is everlasting.**

Many: May the Prince of Peace rain down blessed mercy
upon the people, showering the earth with righteousness
and peace.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #218: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#211: Hope is a Candle

Lighting the Advent Candle

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

Congregational Hymn: #216: Lo, How a Rose E’er
Blooming

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Gentle God, it has been too long since your people have
known peace. We turn away from the ugliness hidden
behind closed doors, from the ravages of war, from the
famine and genocide that stalk our siblings around the
world. We’ve lost hope, lost our faith in the possibility of a
small act’s power to change. We talk and talk, all the while
forgetting that we are not just your mouthpiece, but your
hands and feet. Remind us, Redeemer, how to show up for
justice. Teach us how to transform this ragged hope into
peace for all.

Scriptures: Psalm 19: 4b-6

Sermon: Particles and the Sun

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #223: Bless’d Be the God of Israel

*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

Joseph Llew B.....December 10
Rick Shellenberger.....December 21

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Christmas Eve Service.....6:30

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://www.coloradorapidresponsenetwork.com/>

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 or visit [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; therefore, please read it carefully. Area Advocates, Joe Christophel (joechristophel@gmail.com), Teresa Pickens (920.248.2268), or Director, Duncan Smith (DuncanS@mennoniteusa.org); or Everence Service Assistant, Denise Henke (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 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

HURRICANE MELISSA RESPONSE - MCC is responding to the impact of Hurricane Melissa. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, hygiene items

and other emergency supplies. We welcome your donations at mcc.org/hurricane-melissa.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

Jr. High (Jan. 16-18) and **Sr. High (Feb. 13-15)** Snow Camps are coming again in 2026! – The time has come to start planning to enjoy the beauty and chill of RMMC in the winter once again. Come play in the snow and on the ice and then be ready to come inside for good food, fellowship and worship together. Visit the camp web page (www.rmmc.org) for additional snow camp details and to register that you're headed to the Colorado Rockies to start the new year!

Young Adult Snow Camp (Feb. 13-15) Young Adult Snow Camp continues to join the Jr. and Sr. High Snow Camp activities and fellowship with participants serving as program assistants AND participants at just the right young adult price . . . free!

Scrapbook Retreat, (Jan. 30-Feb.1) This your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Please come for retreat and community in God's creation here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Register online (www.rmmc.org) and save a space to join in.