

DATE: January 18, 2026

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sermon Theme: Bearing Witness**

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.

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

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: Listen to me, O Coastlands; pay attention, you
people from far away!**

Many: God called us before we were born; we were named
by God while in our mother’s womb.

**One: God made our mouths like sharp swords; in the
shadow of God’s hand, we were hidden.**

Many: God made us a polished arrow; in God’s quiver, we
were hidden away.

**One: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my
salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

Many: Kings shall see and stand up; princes shall prostrate
themselves, because of God, who is faithful, the Holy One
has chosen you.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #611: Lift Every Voice and Sing

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

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Redeemer, granter of free will, helps us to stay encouraged
to exercise our free will to cause heaven to exist on the
earth. We confess that we often miss the bigger picture,
while staring at the snapshot of our lives. You have
equipped us to see each other’s suffering and remedy it. In
doing so, we transform how we live and where we live.
Amen.

Congregational Hymn: #804: There is More Love
Somewhere

Scriptures: Luke 4:18

Sermon: Definition and Connection

Communion

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #797: We Are People of God’s Peace

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

Ken Smith B.....January 31
Jake Eichelberger B.....February 1
Lynn Roth B.....February 14
Mary Johnson B.....February 17

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Faith and Life Forum.....March 7

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Save the date for next year's assembly: July 24-26, 2026, in beautiful Boulder, CO.

Faith & Life Forum

Belonging and Boundaries: The beauty and challenge of intergenerational connections Forming strong bonds across generations is more important than ever in our faith communities. Research suggests that meaningful relationships and mentorships are what draw us in and keep us engaged in church through the ups and downs. But how do we foster conversation and connection without leaving undue room for harms like manipulation or child abuse to occur? What's the balance between precaution and pragmatism?

Join Ross Erb, MSW, Associate Director of the Collins Child Advocacy Center, and Moriah Hurst, Pastor of Child, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation at Assembly Mennonite Church, for a discussion and training on best practices for ministries that connect people of all ages. Saturday, March 7th, 2026

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Glennon Heights Mennonite Church
[11480 W. Virginia Ave, Lakewood, CO](https://www.mountainsstatesmc.org)

A keynote and panel discussion will be held in the morning, followed by a training session on

intergenerational ministry and child protection in the afternoon.

MSMC Congregations: Please send at least one person from your congregation to represent you at the afternoon training, preferably a pastor, church chair, or children/youth ministry leader.

A new issue of Zing! is available now. Click on this [LINK](#) to see the December issue. Included is information about the Faith & Life Forum, photos from the credentialed leaders retreat, and more!

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!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

Register NOW for Snow Camp.

Be inspired by singing and worshipping with other youth, slide down the tube run, play a competitive game of broom hockey, explore beautiful scenery around camp, and more!

Snow Camps are intended for youth to attend with their church youth group, with one leader for every five youth, to provide adequate supervision.

[Jr High Registration](#) for January 16-18

[Senior High Registration](#) for February 13-15

Cheryl Beachey (she/her) Conference Administrator
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[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.