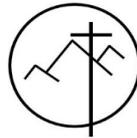


DATE: February 22, 2026

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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*
10:00 am: 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.

First Sunday of LENT

Speaker:Wilmer Villacorta
Worship Leader:.....Angela Liew
Song Leader:.....Dennis Book
Sound room:Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

Leader: Then the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Assembly: Come, beloveds, into the wilderness of our
heartbreaking and troubled days.

**Leader: In the midst of our hunger for comfort,
provoked by lies of scarcity,**

Assembly: this Lent journey promises bread and
abundance.

**Leader: In the midst of our longing for safety,
enticed by promises of security,**

Assembly: this Lent journey promises angels and costly
solidarity.

**Leader: In the midst of our clinging to power,
lured by the ease of complicity,**

Assembly: this Lent journey promises prayer and turning
around.

Leader: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Assembly: Come, beloveds, to worship, venturing deeper
and deeper into the wilderness of our broken and
beautiful world.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #553: How Many Times We Disagree
#133: My Jesus, I Love Thee

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

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Leader: For the ways our faith has told unchristian stories
of Christian nationalism, and the ways they shapes us,
Assembly: God, have mercy.

Leader: For the ways our scriptures have told unjust
stories of white supremacy, and the ways we perpetuate
them,

Assembly: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For the ways our traditions have told unloving
stories of transphobia and stranger-fear, and the ways we
have embodied them,

Assembly: God, have mercy.

Leader: Compel us to learn and tell the truths of our
Christian lineages.

Assembly: Turn us around, Holy One. Amen.

Congregational Hymn: #585: Faith Begins by Letting Go

Scriptures: Isaiah 15, James 1: 1-9

Sermon: God in the Cracks: Humble Love in a Loud Age

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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

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

Brenda & Ken Smith A.....March 7
Dennis Book B.....March 19

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Faith and Life Forum.....March 7
RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights.... May 16
ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Special Faith & Life Issue of Zing! is available at this [LINK](#). Check out the detailed information!

You can print the Zing! by opening it in your web browser and using the standard print function (usually Ctrl+P on Windows or Cmd+P on Mac) to save it as a PDF or print directly to your printer.

Here's a video of Amy with Ross and Moriah, the speakers at our Faith and Life Forum. Please use it in your announcements during church services and/or include it in announcements you send out to congregants.

https://youtu.be/gvG_qvs1i24

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.

A keynote and discussion on the opportunities and challenges of intergenerational relationships in our churches will be held in the morning, with a training on child/youth 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.

Registration is now open.

Click here to [REGISTER](#)

From the Assembly Planning Committee

The dates for our Assembly this year are July 24-26, 2026, at Boulder Mennonite Church.

Some of the attendees would be greatly helped if they could stay in a home, rather than having to pay for a hotel. If you would be willing to host people in your home, please contact our conference Administrator, Cheryl Beachy, administrator@mountainstatesMC.org, and let her know how many people you could accommodate for one or two nights. Thank you!

From Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship

Steve Ramer, Pastor at FCMF, asks for prayers for wisdom and clarity as they discern the future for the church.

Save the date: Sat, May 16th RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights - kids turn in toy guns for nonviolent games and toys. More info to come.

A march for Peace and Justice in support of our immigrant community will take place on February 28th in San Antonio, TX. We march For humane and just immigration policies; For families to stay together For an end to fear, hate, and violence; For a future rooted in love and community. Immigrants are our neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and family members Join us as we raise our voices for peace, justice, and compassion for all. Starts Saturday, February 28th at 9 AM See poster for details.

Organized by [Nuevos Vecinos](#)

Now Hiring

Boulder Mennonite Church seeks a full-time Transitional Minister for a 9-15 month timeframe. The Transitional Minister will support ongoing congregational ministry and will provide leadership for congregational self-study, identity, vision, and structure work. To learn more, please visit the church website [here](#) and the Transitional Minister job description [here](#). For inquiries, contact Amy Zimelman at amyz@mountainstatesmc.org.

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: amyz@mountainstatesmc.org