

DATE: March 15, 2026

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*  
10:30 am: *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.*

Fourth Sunday of LENT  
Sermon Theme: “Resolve”

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

WE GATHER

Welcome  
Announcements  
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

Leader: Some days, it’s hard to recognize the signs,  
when what we have come to know and rely on is ablaze  
and everything looks like ashes. Do you not know what the  
Holy One can do with ashes?\*

Assembly: Then the Earth-maker knelt down and formed  
humanity from the dust of the ground, and breath breathed  
new life. (Genesis 2:7)

Leader: Some days, it’s difficult to believe the signs,  
when truths are erased and buried and there is nothing left to  
witness but the bare dirt. Do you not know what the Holy One  
can do with dirt?

Assembly: Then the Pain-bearer spat in the dirt and made mud  
spreading it on the man’s eyes and visions appeared of a new  
day rising. (Mark 9:6-7)

Leader: Some days, it feels impossible to embrace the signs, so  
we come together to pay attention, and seek, and be changed  
finding our grounding in the ashes that were once stars in the  
dirt that holds galaxies in the mud that birthed our bones and  
breath.

Assembly: Then the Life-giver who made safe ground in the  
middle of the sea said: See, I am doing a new thing. Do you not  
perceive it? and a way was made out of no way toward hope.  
(Isaiah 43:16-19)

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #419: Great is Thy Faithfulness  
#390: In Christ There is no East or West

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....  
Congregational Hymn: #397: The Church is One  
Foundation

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer For Transformation and New Life: (drawn from  
Open Unto Me, a prayer by Howard Thurman):  
Open unto us, hope for our despair.  
Open unto us, dreams for our dread.  
Open unto us, courage for our fear.  
Open unto us, vision for our skepticism.  
Open unto us, wisdom for our confusion.  
Open unto us, love for our hates.  
Open unto us, Your heart for our hearts.  
O God, our God, open unto us. Amen.

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 1: 9,10, 2: 11, 8: 1b, 12: 13a  
Sermon: Homeostasis: Is Change Possible?

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #737; Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
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](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**

**Dennis Book B.....March 19**  
**Rae Shellenberger.....March**  
**26**

**MCMC**

**RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights.... May 16**  
**ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26**

## **MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

### **Quilters Corner Coordinator Needed**

The Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale is seeking an individual or group to lead Quilters Corner, a long-standing booth that sells fabric and other supplies used to make quilts. Proceeds from the booth support the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Responsibilities include gathering and organizing donated materials, which may include measuring fabric, setting up and displaying the quilting supplies, and coordinating the booth during the Relief Sale. (Set-up is during the day on a Friday, with the sale on Saturday, in mid-October at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.) Display supplies are provided and are currently stored at First Mennonite Church in Denver and in a storage unit near the fairgrounds. Some transportation of these supplies to the sale site would be needed. A job description is available for review. If your church or group is interested, please reach out to Darcey VanWagner, [mdvw@comcast.net](mailto:mdvw@comcast.net) for more information. Thank you for considering this opportunity and for your support of the Relief Sale.

**From Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship** Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship invites you to join us for our worship on March 15th. The service begins at noon. We will hear, via Zoom, from several graduates of the Journey program at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The stories of how they ended up in the program are full of hope and joy. This will be a hybrid service via Zoom. Here is the link to join the Zoom meeting: Time: Mar 15, 2026 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82375007527?pwd=HahR0KIzvuclXr2itvtcz0C5J0CCjW.1>

Meeting ID: 823 7500 7527  
Passcode: 374879

### **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.

### **From Roca de Refugio**

Maria and her toddler son, both seeking asylum, were detained in November during their third Immigration and Customs Enforcement appointment in San Antonio. Read about her experience [here](#). Continue to pray for Dianne Garcia, pastor of Roca de Refugio, and for all those who are a part of the church. And, if you are inclined to help, please visit [Nuevos Vecinos \(https://www.nuevosvecinossatx.org/\)](#), where you can donate or get involved in other ways.

### **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 greatly appreciate if they could stay in a home, rather than having to pay for a hotel. If you are in the Boulder area and would be willing to host people in your home, please contact our conference Administrator, Cheryl Beachy, [administrator@mountainstatesMC.org](mailto:administrator@mountainstatesMC.org), and let her know how many people you could accommodate for one or two nights. Thank you!

**Booking your accommodations early may save you money and time during the summer rush. Hotels close to Boulder Mennonite Church include: Homewood Suites by Hilton, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, and The Boulder Broker Inn.**

### **From MSMC Youth Committee**

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Save the Date: April 25, 2026  
Estimated schedule for the day: 9-4  
Join us for an exciting all-day tree-planting event organized in collaboration with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help restore the forests in Big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado! This is a great opportunity for youth from Mountain States Mennonite Conference Churches to come together, have fun, get to know other youth across the region, and help restore the environment to its pre-fire density. We want everyone to

participate, so please do not let travel or financial limitations stop you. We are here to help you get to the event! More information coming soon. Email the conference administrator with any questions at [administrator@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:administrator@mountainstatesmc.org)  
The Youth Committee members are Annaken Toews, Jonathan Harnish, Rebecca Scull, and Stephanie Phibbs.

**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.

### **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 Zimbelman at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).

### **Now Hiring: Sojourn Mennonite - Fort Collins**

Are you interested in helping to grow a vibrant and welcoming community that fosters spiritual growth and actively lives out Jesus' teachings? If so, Sojourn Mennonite is looking for you. We are a small community seeking peace within ourselves and in our world, with members involved in issues of immigration, incarceration, Native American justice, and serving the unhoused. We would like a half-time pastor to help us learn new ways of nurturing our souls and expanding our community. The benefit package we offer aligns with the Mennonite Church USA guidelines. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the full job posting on our website: <https://www.sojournmennonite.org/seeking-halftime-pastor> and contact Amy Zimbelman at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).