

**DATE: April 19, 2026**

**3rd Sunday of Easter  
Theme: The Power of Play**

**Congregational Hymn: #643: Come, ye Disconsolate  
Offering and Prayer:**

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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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Dry Creek**

**10:30 am: Worship Begins**

**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://mcmcpl.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:.....Dennis Book  
Song Leader:.....Vern Rempel  
Sound room: .....Jake Eichelberger**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome  
Announcements  
Time of Quieting:**

**Call to Worship:**

**One: We call upon the name of the Holy One who hears  
our cry and responds to our prayer. What shall we return  
to the Holy One for all the blessings we receive?**

Many: We will call upon the name of the Holy One for as  
long as we live.

**One: The Holy One has been our Companion in suffering  
and our Comforter in anguish. What shall we return to  
the Holy One for their presence among us?**

Many: We will serve the Holy One and be companions and  
comforters for God’s people.

**One: The Holy One has given a new covenant of salvation,  
redemption, and restoration for the world. What shall we  
return to the Holy One for the gift of covenantal love?**

Many: We will declare the goodness of God with praise  
and thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Bless the name of the Holy  
One!

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** #536: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
#9: Come Away from Rush and Hurry

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

**Prayer For Transformation and New Life:**

Spirit of the Living God, we ask you to meet us in those  
moments when we recognize that we have caused,  
through action or inaction, through words or silence,  
through participation or lack of participation, that we have  
caused or allow harm to take place. In those moments,  
allow our hearts to break in order to be mended with the  
burning fire of repentance and sharpening. In those  
moments, let our hearts cry, “what should we do?” In  
those moments, guide us to wisdom and discernment<  
Holy Spirit, so that we would not only be forgiven but  
gifted with the work of repair and restoration. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Matthew 11: 28-30

**Sermon:** “Serious Fun”

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**Sending Song:** # 666: In Thee is Gladness, vs. 1

**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

Claire Liew B.....May 12  
Jay & Angela Liew A.....May 12  
Barb & Jake Eichelberger A.....May 19  
Lynn & Karen Weins-Roth A.....May 22

## MCMC

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

## Mountain States Conference

This is a video that the **Assembly 2026** planning committee has produced. Registration will open very soon!

LINK <https://youtu.be/X-uA2tVcNNA>

### From Prayerstream

Dear ones,

Given the turbulence in our world, the persistent warring and madness, I have been feeling the impulse to open the Tuesday 7am Prayer room. I will start the Tuesday after Easter, April 7 and conclude this series the Tuesday following the summer solstice, June 23. I feel some trepidation as always about how to be faithful to what God is asking and NOT create a big expectation or spectacle. So we'll see what God and my flaws have in store. I am grateful for the ongoing presence, witness and guidance I receive from you and the Prayerstream connection to Kin-dom building. Lord, have mercy! You are invited to join the WEEKLY 7am MDT TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM CIRCLE

The purpose of this circle is to gather our hearts, calm our minds, refresh our spirits and embolden our living in the Presence of a Loving and Lavish God. Contact Brenda Fox 720-252-7939 for more information. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89078236512?pwd=PsNCsf5uRxnTgbHnZnzUAsBd9clW0X.1>

Meeting ID: 890 7823 6512

Passcode: 260

The April Issue of Zing! is available at this LINK.

<https://mailchi.mp/mountainstatesmc/msmc-aug-sept-2022-zing-18267112>

Amy writes about *Taking Humor Seriously* for April 12th's Holy Humor Sunday; see photos from the No Kings Protests; and read about two Justice Fund recipient congregations from MSMC!

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.

### From Mennonite Voluntary Service, Alamosa Unit

Are you a young adult age 20+ (or know a young adult) who is wondering "what's next?" after college? Do you want space, time, and support to further discern the path of your life? Do you wonder what it means to live your values in the world? Are you interested in building intentional community as you actively seek equity and justice for those you serve?

Exploring Mennonite Voluntary Service may be right for you!

Each Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) site partners with area nonprofits and community-based organizations to serve the community's needs and work toward social justice by pairing full-time volunteers with community-centered work experiences for one to two years of service. This transformative program is designed to challenge and support you during this time of societal change and uncertainty, as you discern your vocational journey. MVS offers opportunities to live out your values in organizations that are challenging social inequities, environmental degradation, and lack of access to legal and educational resources. Current sites: Alamosa, CO; Chicago; San Francisco; and Tucson. You don't have to be Mennonite! MVS welcomes young adults grounded in any or no faith tradition to explore and discern their spiritual and vocational calling within a supportive local community.

Ready to learn more?: contact Alice M. Price, Local Coordinator for the Alamosa MVS site at [aliceprice1950@gmail.com](mailto:aliceprice1950@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.mennonitemission.net/serve/mennonite-voluntary-service/>

### From MSMC Youth Committee

Last Call for youth grades 6-12!

We have nine youth registered and would love to reach 15!

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.

To register for this event, please go to this LINK

The Youth Committee members are Annaken Toews, Jonathan Harnish, Rebecca Scull, and Stephanie Phibbs

### Adult friends of MDS, we need you too!

On April 25, we will be planting tree seedlings in the Big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado. This is due to the Alexander fire, which burned almost 10,000 acres two years ago.

There is a sign-up form at [this link](#). We are hoping to plant at least 150 to 200 small seedlings from about 9:00 to 3:00 or 4:00 that day, so we really encourage adults to sign up. If you would prefer to call or email, please use the information below so we can include you in our count. MDS will provide lunch for everyone, and details about where to meet will be coming soon. Encourage your church members, friends, and neighbors to put this on their calendars and come join us!

Please fill out [this form](#) so we know how many plan to attend! OR, email Mary Johnson at [mjmanyik@gmail.com](mailto:mjmanyik@gmail.com) or call her at 303-726-9890

**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.

### MDS Call to Action!

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Disaster Service Unit has a desperate need for volunteers to help finish a project in San Angelo, Texas.** The work will include installing flooring and kitchen cabinets, as well as drywall finishing and painting. Do not worry if you aren't "skilled," the Project Director and crew leaders are both well-skilled and eager to teach. If anyone has some skills with electric wiring or plumbing, it would be a plus. If you have a few days you can give, please consider this opportunity to serve as the Hands and Feet of Jesus. Families are welcome, and we'll find ways to use younger people or provide child care if needed. As always, MDS will provide lodging and meals. The Unit can also help with travel costs. **Contact Michael Smith (505) 603-5739, or the Project Director Enos Kurtz (814) 592-7268.**

**An Evening of Connection & Entrepreneurship Hosted by MEDA Colorado Hub** Join us Friday, May 1, for an evening of connections and inspiration at Vib Hotel in Denver, with rooftop views and mouth-watering food! Our featured speaker, Nathanael Shue, a Denver entrepreneur and owner of Genesis Cabinet Company, will share his personal journey in entrepreneurship and the lessons learned in building his business. You'll also have the opportunity to explore MEDA's impact more deeply through stories and updates from

Bethany Nussbaum with MEDA Global. Event Details: Date: May 1, 2026 Location: Vib Hotel, 3560 Brighton Boulevard, Denver Time: 8:00-8:30 PM Cost: \$7 CAD (approx \$5 USD); meal donation accepted at the door RSVP by April 29, 2026 Questions?: contact Rhoda Blough at [bloughrr@gmail.com](mailto:bloughrr@gmail.com) or 970-219-0900.register at <https://www.meda.org/event/tacos-networking-inspiration/> or use this [LINK](#)