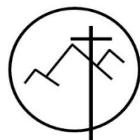


DATE: July 5, 2026

Theme: Independence Day Weekend

**Congregational Hymn: #705: For the Healing of the Nations
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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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.

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

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: In joy and gladness, enter the presence of the
Sovereign One who rules and reigns over all creation.**

Worship the Holy One!

Many: The voice of the Holy One is powerful and gracious,
loving and challenging, compassionate and convicting.

**One: In joy and gladness, receive the fresh wind of the
Spirit who ignites our hearts and connects us to one
another. Worship the Holy Spirit!**

Many: The voice of the Holy Spirit gives wisdom,
discernment, comfort, and confirmation.

**One: In joy and gladness, follow the path of the
Embodied One. Worship God With Us!**

Many: The voice of God With Us models for us what to say
and how to live. Praise God!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymn: #714: Let There be Light

#485: Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands

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

Prayer For Transformation and New Life:

Holy One, we come before you from different perspectives.
Some come in a spirit of celebration. Others bring lament
and despair. All of us benefit from the power of
transformed lives, individually, relationally, and
communally. We pray in the assurance that new life is
available. We ask for the strength, courage, and
persistence to seek your kingdom, peace, justice and
righteousness in any and all circumstances and for all
people and creation. Amen.

Congregational Hymn:

Scriptures: Micah 6:8, I John 4: 7-8

Sermon: Love and Nation in Songs

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #710: This is My Song

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.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Vern Rempel B.....July 19

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Mennonite Hymn Sing.....July 12

ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26
Economic Justice, Decolonization and Faith.....Nov 6-8

Mountain States Conference

The June Issue of Zing! is available at this LINK <https://mailchi.mp/mountainstatesmc/msmc-aug-sept-2022-zing-18269940>

Time for another Inter-Mennonite Hymn Sing!

First Mennonite Church in Denver is inviting you and your congregation to join us for an Inter-Mennonite Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m. It's been a minute since our last hymn sing, and we miss hearing our voices lifted in song!



We hope you join us for the Mountain States Mennonite Conference's Annual Assembly, July 24-26, in beautiful Boulder, Colorado!

This year's theme is based on an African proverb: *When We Pray, We Move Our Feet.*

Folks from all walks of life throughout our conference will be joining together for a meaningful time of exploring prayer and action! Register today at this LINK <https://reg.planetreg.com/E212103853174917>

All are invited to attend our Sunday morning worship; there is no registration required to attend Sunday morning! Please join us and plan to stay and purchase lunch at a food truck, which will be on site.

From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale

Mark your calendars! The Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale will be held on Saturday, October 17, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. We hope you will plan to join us for a day of fellowship, delicious food, auctions, shopping, and supporting the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of our churches, volunteers, and supporters, we were able to send \$123,000 to MCC last year. What an incredible blessing! With your help, we hope to make an even greater impact this year.

We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. We currently have opportunities for:

- Communications Coordinator
- Photographer to capture the day's activities
- Individuals to make handmade items to donate to the Homemade Items Booth

Whether you can volunteer your time, share your talents, or donate items, your support helps make a difference. Every contribution helps us continue supporting MCC's work of relief, development, and peace in communities around the world.

From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Disaster Service

We are in crisis management mode here in Colorado and New Mexico. The Rocky Mountain Unit has received three requests for support from VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) during the last two weeks. The Rocky Mountain Unit has been designated as the lead agency for

spiritual support and care for the 9 active wildfires in CO. New Mexico/Arizona have an additional 4 wildfires in proximity to the Four Corners area. The Aspen Acres fire has exploded from 2000 acres to 48,000 acres; 100 homes have been destroyed outside of Pueblo. This is the number 1 priority wildfire in the US, according to government memos; up to 55 additional homes have been lost in the Custer County wildfire.

1. We need an immediate response for spiritual care and resourcing in Pueblo, Colorado, at Pitt Middle School, the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). Two volunteers are needed to staff a listening table for four hours in the afternoon for the next week. MDS will cover gas, food, and lodging expenses if necessary. Brenda Fox or Paul Johnson will provide training.

Anyone interested may text Paul Johnson, MDS Chair, at 720.880.8773 or Mary Johnson, Unit Volunteer Coordinator, at 303.726.9890. Due to the volume of need, texts are best.

2. We also need volunteers to work in partnership with the Southern Baptist Disaster Recovery team on the Front Range of Colorado, and with the Seventh-day Adventist response team on the Western Slope in Grand Junction. This will be crisis cleanup work for fire victims.

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Songs, readings, and prayers so that we may gather wholeheartedly, hearts broken open to the spirit of love.

Save the Date

Glennon Heights will host a weekend of learning about the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine. November 6-8, 2026.

From Mennonite Church USA

The national convention for MC USA, MennoCon, will be held next year on July 6-10, 2027, in Cincinnati, Ohio.