

# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 17, 2024

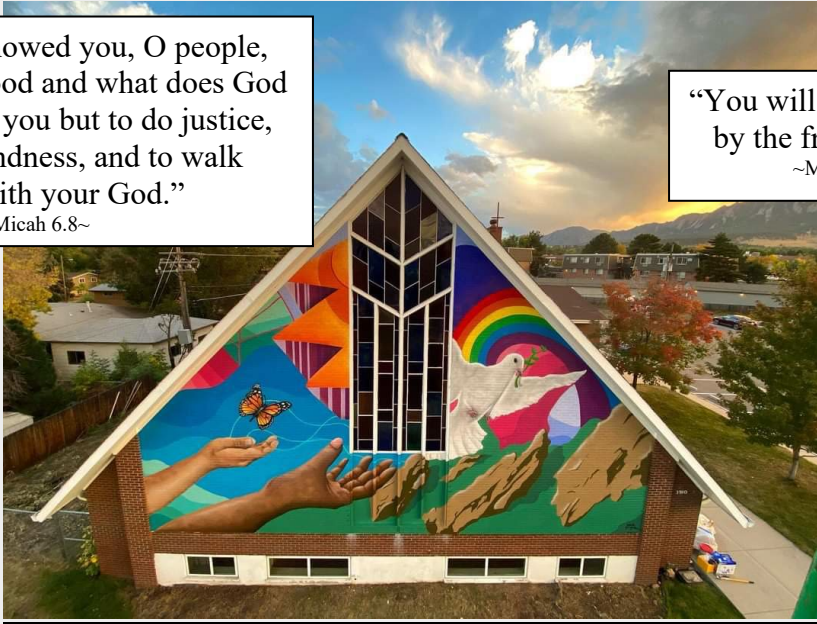
## Happy Birthday, BMC – 40 Years!

“God has showed you, O people,  
what is good and what does God  
require of you but to do justice,  
to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God.”

~Micah 6.8~

“You will recognize them  
by the fruits they bear.”

~Matthew 7.16



“You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ~Matthew 22.38

**Join the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning:**

[Zoom link:](#) or call in: Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

**Or** join us via our audio stream: [Spreaker](#)

***Welcome to the worship service today.***

We hope it is meaningful for you and welcome you to join us again.

As a Christian community, called by Jesus to be inclusive, caring, and peace-minded, we affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, or life situation are welcome to be in full participation in our congregation and in our denomination, MC USA.

*Boulder Mennonite Church acknowledges that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples. It was inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.*



**Boulder Mennonite Church** is a vibrant, Jesus-centered community welcoming all people to know God and to be ambassadors of God's love, healing, and peace.

## GATHERING

### Prelude

**\*Singing** Come, let us all unite to sing 7

### Call to Worship adapted from BMC's Charter Service, 11.24.1985

**Leader:** Praise to the God of creation! Out of the energy and mystery of the whole world, we have come together in this time and place.

**People:** **Praise to Creativity God for the energy that is all around: in our breathing and in our moving and in our gathering this morning.**

**Leader:** Praise to the God of creation for the energy of Scripture, tradition, and for reason; for the energy of those who have passed the Word on and on and on until this moment.

**People:** **Yes, and praise to Creativity God for our very own life experiences and the life experiences of every living soul.**

**All:** *In this time of celebration, may we use this energy to unite us as a community of love, now and always!*

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** The church's one foundation, vv. 1, 2, 3 397

### Affirming our Faith

**Leader:** Let us affirm our faith:  
In the midst of hunger and war:

**All:** *we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.*

**Leader:** In the midst of oppression and hate:

**All:** *we celebrate the promise of freedom and inclusion.*

**Leader:** In the midst of doubt and despair:

**All:** *we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.*

**Leader:** In the midst of fear and betrayal:

**All:** *we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.*

**Leader:** In the midst of apathy and death:

**All:** *we celebrate the promise of love and life.*

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay:

**All:** *we celebrate the promise of healing and renewal.*

Leader: In all things:

**All:** *we celebrate the joyful promise of living as followers of Jesus! AMEN!*

## Passing the Peace

## Offering Invitation/Blessing

*Please place your prayer requests in the basket with your offering.*

*At home: please type your prayer requests into the "Chat" column on Zoom or send them via email at least 2hrs prior to the worship service. Or [click here to donate online.](#)*

## Offertory

## HEARING

### Psalm Reading

Psalm 146, adapted

Praise the Eternal, O my soul! I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in presidents and princes. Look not to humans for all the answers; their greatest leaders fail. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of our faith ancestors, whose hope is in the Eternal One, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who carries out justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry; sets the prisoners free, and opens the eyes of the blind.

The Eternal lifts up those who are crushed by heavy burdens; the Eternal loves the those who live with integrity. The Eternal watches over the immigrants and cares for the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

The Eternal will reign forever, your God, O Boulder Mennonite People, for all generations. Praise to the Eternal!

### A Reading from the Scriptures: Litany of BMC's Guiding Scriptures

Micah 6.8; Matthew 22.34-40, Mark 12.28-34a; Luke 10.25-28; Matthew 7.16

Leader: God has showed you, O Boulder Mennonite People, what is good, and what does God require of you?

**People: To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: So what is the greatest commandment?

**People: You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Leader: And the second is like it:

**People: Love your neighbor as you love yourself.**

Leader: And how will others know you follow the Way of Jesus in the world?

**People: You will recognize them by the fruits they bear.**

Leader: And where have you seen such ripened, nourishing fruit?

**People: In our deeds of peace, justice, service and love. May our actions always bear such fruit!**

**Singing** We are people of God's peace, vv. 1, 2 797

**Reflection** *BMC: Thanks be to God!*

**A Time of Sharing**

*What memories of BMC's work and ministry might you share?*

*What words of hope for our community will you offer?*

## RESPONDING

**Singing** God of justice 772

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Response: *We give thanks this day.***

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song** The Lord lift you up 832

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### Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, New Revised Standard Version Updated (adapted RLS)

Affirmation of Faith: from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted RLS, 2001 The Iona Community

BMC Guiding Scriptures, from BMC Community Guidebook



**Please join us for finger-foods immediately after our worship.  
Stay and have fun bidding at our Annual Auction,  
beginning at 11:00 a.m.  
Auction proceeds benefit the work and ministries of BMC.  
*Thank you for your support!***

## Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Berit Jany
<b>Readers:</b>	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
<b>Music:</b>	Jean McPherson, Joyce Penner, Justin Mathis, Randy Spaulding
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Alfred Sawatzky
<b>Greeters:</b>	Becky Neumann, Carole Suderman
<b>Snacks:</b>	Michelene Fast, Tammie Bernstein, Gary Stephens

**November 10:**

**Attendance: 44**

**Offering: \$3,610**

**Please Note:** Offerings are falling significantly behind the annual budget in the past two months. Your regular donations and special gifts are gratefully received and important for the work of the congregation. *Thank you!*

## TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	BMC Annual Auction – Bid high!



## THIS WEEK at BMC

11/20	Centering Prayer, 11a
11/20	BASIC (Immigration Coalition) mtg., 2pm
11/23	Indigenous Allies meeting @BMC, Noon, Three Sisters Meal, 1pm

## NEXT SUNDAY – **November 24:** *Last Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

*The Reign of the Anointed One*

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	Adult Education, sanctuary; Youth gathering, Rm 112

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Sandi Sanborn
<b>Readers:</b>	Paul & Mary McKay
<b>Music:</b>	Judy Classen, Randy Spaulding
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Tice Family
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ezra & Joan Tice
<b>Snacks:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn
<b>Moment for all Ages:</b>	Cheri Krause

## COMING UP

11/26	Singing small group, 6:30p
11/29	Advent Visual Team, 2pm
12/1	Advent Season begins
12/4	Centering Prayer
12/10	Singing small group. 6:30

12/11 Deacon's meeting, 8:30a  
 12/12 Church council, 5p  
 12/13 Pastor Randy & Gary's Holiday Open House  
 12/14 Casa de Paz fundraiser, Posner Center  
 12/15 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, 4p  
 12/24 BMC Christmas Eve Soup Potluck, 5:30pm  
 Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight, 6:30pm

## ~PRAYERS~

~from **Susan Graber**: for my husband's friend, **Dick**, who passed away. Prayers of comfort to his family and friends.

~from **Lisa Voss**: for **Dolly Martin**, my neighbor, who lost her third and last child in a terrible automobile accident.

November Birthdays
1 – Suzanne Classen
14 – Carter McKay Epp
18 – Xelda Spaulding
20 – Debra Falk
22 – Benjamin Falk

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

*Please call in or email ([info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.*

**DEACONS**: Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290

**PASTOR RANDY'S OFFICE HOURS**: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8am to 2pm.

Friday: 9am to noon (subject to visitation/meetings). Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged.

Pastor Randy normally takes Monday as a Sabbath.

**CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR**: Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 6:30a to 2:30p and Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**REQUEST**: If you know of a car and/or child seat available to be borrowed during December 22-29, please contact Michelene Fast, 303-443-3889.

**INDIGENOUS ALLIES (IA) @BMC**: IA, an advocacy group working for justice for Indigenous people, out of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, will host a meeting in the BMC sanctuary on

Saturday, November 23 beginning at Noon. There will be a guest speaker, followed by a meal at 1pm featuring “The Three Sisters”, corn, beans and squash. All are welcome.



**Pastor Randy & Gary**  
Cordially Invite You to Our Annual  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
**Friday, December 13, 6-8:30pm**  
120 Edgeview Drive, Broomfield (Camden Apts)  
*Bring a holiday finger-food to share - Beverages provided*  
Bring some new **SOCKS** to be donated  
to All Roads Boulder Shelter for the Homeless  
Please **RSVP** by December 6 to [randy@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:randy@bouldermennonite.org)

**PREPARING FOR ADVENT:** The season of Advent is upon us. It's the time of preparing hearts, minds and bodies for the coming of God's Anointed One, for the arrival of God! This year, you are invited to wonder: *What does Advent mean to me? What does it mean to wait – sometimes in the shadows— for the arrival of Hope, Peace, Love or Joy?* See Pastor Randy if you would like to share a story during the Advent season. Thanks!

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**ON NEUTRAL GROUND:** From a friend of the church, Glenda Faus: On Neutral Ground, a supervised visitation and exchange program, is looking for someone who can help with supervised exchanges of an 18-month-old at the King Soopers on Table Mesa in Boulder on Saturday mornings and every-other-Monday morning. Training is provided. It is a paid position. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact Glenda Faus at (303) 827-5246, [glenda.faus@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.faus@gmail.com)

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:** There are still opportunities to serve this Fall! There are openings from October-December in Amory, Mississippi; Port Charlotte, Florida; Selma, Alabama; and Newton, Texas (RV). We expect to have several additional project locations for the winter season (January-March). **Weekly Volunteers:** Contact Kaelan Swartley ([kswartley@mds.org](mailto:kswartley@mds.org) or 800-241-8111) with any questions or to schedule a week of service! Weekly Volunteers can [join the waitlist](#) on the website if interested in serving after the fall season. Additionally, there are volunteers needed more locally in **Goessel, Kansas**. There are various tasks in need of completion in the **cabinet shop**, please contact: **Cleo Koop** at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or 316-282-0797, if you are interested.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP:** Come to enjoy the beauty and chill of RMMC in the winter once again. Come play in the snow and on the ice and then be ready to come inside for good food, fellowship and worship together. Visit the camp web page ([www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org)) for additional snow camp details and to register that you're headed to the Colorado Rockies to start the new year! **Young Adult Snow Camp (Feb. 14-16)** 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. 31-Feb. 2)** is 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](http://www.rmmc.org)) and save a space to join in.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**Equipping:** Check out the September issue of Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly resource newsletter for pastors and leaders [here](#). Subscribe to Equipping [here](#).

**Menno Snapshots:** Jon Carlson, moderator for Mennonite Church USA, reflects on trends in church attendance and what they mean for how we do church together. Read his reflections [here](#).

**The Bystanders:** Sheryl Wilson, vice president of culture and belonging at Bethel (Kansas) College, gives advice on how bystanders can better assess a situation in which they witness harm done to others, so they know how to step up without overstepping. Read her thoughts [here](#).

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Not only is Styrofoam harmful to the earth, it also contains toxic chemicals that can cause cancer and nervous system diseases. Although all packaging has environmental drawbacks, styrene is the worst for human health. The longer food is in contact with styrene, the more toxins leach into our food and then our bodies. As we encounter this packaging, we can educate people, organizations, and other states on the damage this material causes.



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