



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.

Sunday, July 26, 2026 -- ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship with Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly
11:00a Mingling together with folks from across Mountain States Mennonite Conference and other guests.
There will be a food truck in the parking lot where you can purchase your lunch!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Tech Support:	Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Ezra and Joan Tice, Karl Ortman
Snack	Elvira Glenn
Coordinator:	

Sunday, July 19, 2026: Attendance: 34, +2 Online

THIS WEEK at BMC

7/29 Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
7/30 Ideas due for congregational meeting on 8/9—see announcement

NEXT SUNDAY – August 2, 2026:

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Moment for All:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Lisa Voss, Joanna Harrison
Music:	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber

COMING UP

8/5 Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
8/8 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
8/9 **Congregational meeting after worship** to discuss next steps for seeking new pastoral leadership, 11:00a

- 8/30 Our annual Holy Humor Sunday! Start thinking about humorous bits you can share so we can laugh together!
- 9/20 School Kit Sunday at BMC! Gwen has already been collecting supplies....
- 10/17 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds
- 11/6-8 Glennon Heights Mennonite Church will host a weekend of learning about the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES
13 – Anita Jantz	24 – Cornelia Krahn	10 – Mai & Bruce Wheeler
18 – Bonnie Lavelle	24 – Jill Minter	11 – Cornelia Krahn & Kent Olson
21 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey		12 – Judy & Paul Classen
		19 – Ellen & Wayne Morrison

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for safe travels and good conversations. Cheri and Sandi are traveling to Kansas on Wednesday (7/22/26), coming home Sunday (7/26/26) evening. Sandi will be attending the Church of the Brethren District Conference as BMC's delegate, while Cheri visits their parents.
- ~ for our dry earth and plants and everyone affected by the fires across North America. We especially pray for the survivors and the evacuees of the Aspen Acre Wildfire. *See announcement.*

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 8/9: As we continue on the transitional journey you are invited to write proposals for how you would like the congregation to move forward with pastoral search or perhaps some other model of leadership. In Terry's annual report to the congregation, he included five possibilities, but they were not meant to be exhaustive in any way! Please write your ideas and send them to churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org by July 30, and we will distribute them to the congregation. In the spirit of brainstorming, all ideas are accepted and will be anonymous, unless you say otherwise. On August 9 at 11am for an hour following worship, we will meet in a circle with a microphone in the church sanctuary and discuss your ideas. NO decisions will be made at this meeting as it will be a time to brainstorm together next steps towards getting an advertisement for a pastor discerned for Fall.

THANK YOU ALL! So many people have chipped in to help with various tasks to prepare our church for Assembly. Thank you, beloved Boulder Mennonite folks, for your support! I'm so eager for Assembly! –Susan Graber

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

LABOR DAY WORK & PLAY @ ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP: September 4-7, 2026. Spend your holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp (RMMC) for the annual Work and Play Retreat and help us prepare for the Winter to come. In exchange for your help with camp projects during the retreat, there is no charge for the weekend. Visit the camp website at rmmc.org "Work and Play Retreats" to learn more about the weekend and to register.

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: Aspen Acre Wildfire

update: The largest wildfire currently burning in the United States is west of Pueblo, Colorado. It is only 40% contained and has burned 100,000 acres. 150 1st responders are fighting the fire, and 11,000 people have been evacuated. Mennonite Disaster Service has been on site for 3 1/2 weeks.

The Rocky Mountain unit needs your help. Survivors and evacuees started returning to their homes. 870 structures have burned; almost 400 homes are lost. Here's what you can do: Contact Carole, our congregational MDS representative. She has more information on how you can help. Here are three things we need immediately: first, pray for the survivors and the evacuees. It has been horribly hot and difficult. Second, consider volunteering in either Bueller or Rye, Colorado, to help with the cleanup of burned-out homes. We'll start asking for volunteers one weekend from now. Third, if you can't physically be there, consider a monetary gift. Clothes and food cannot be used by homeless survivors. Your funds will directly go to their support. You may write a check to United Way of Colorado or to Mennonite Disaster Service. If you send it to MDS in Lititz, Pennsylvania, please write in the memo line "for Rocky Mountain unit". You'll receive a tax-deductible donation. The volunteer coordinator is Mary Johnson; text her at 303-726-9890. Thank you so much for your care and prayers.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE NEWS:

- Hello all **Quiltmakers and admirers** - we are looking forward to the Sale and Quilt Auction again this year at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on October 17 and welcome your handcrafted new or excellent condition second owner quilt donations. The [quilt submission form](#) is open on the Relief Sale Website, <http://www.rmmcsale.org>. We are hoping to have 100 quilts in the auction again this year. If you have questions, please reach out to eschrockefs@yahoo.com or 303-549-5882. --Katrina Schrock, Quilt Auction Chair
- The Sale is looking for a person or group to lead **Quilter's Corner**. This is a popular booth at the sale, and we'd love to continue offering it—but we need your help! For more information, please contact Darcey VanWagner at 720-635-4852 or mdvw@comcast.net. Thank you for considering how you can help make this year's Sale a success!

ARTICLE ON PREPARING FOR CHANGE: MC USA's Iris de León-Hartshorn [shares three faith-based practices](#) for leading change —letting go, embracing experimentation and modeling the way of Jesus — to help church leaders navigate transformation with hope and grace.

MOBILIZE FOR PEACE VIDEO: Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) is trying to garner support for their work in the world. [Watch the video and learn more here](#). They are also asking for [support for Planting Peace Churches](#).

WELCOMING THE STRANGER WEBINAR: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) webinar Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Faith, Immigration, and Hope – Tuesday, July 28 noon MT (for 1 hour and 15 minutes). In this webinar, we will share stories from 3 churches and lay leaders like you who are putting faith into action — welcoming and supporting immigrants, facing challenges in their communities, and building congregations that respond with compassion and courage. Speaking from a variety of perspectives across Anabaptist traditions, we'll talk about themes like faith in action, ministry with immigrant communities, lessons learned, and practical ways churches can respond to the reality's immigrant families are facing today. Pastors, church leaders, and congregants looking for inspiration and practical ways to get involved are invited to attend. Register today for this event, mcc.org/welcoming-stranger or contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org with any questions.

MENNONITE WOMEN USA: [This month's Grapevine has a special invitation](#): You're invited!

Story as medicine, healing as justice: join Amanda K. Gross, author, intersectional anti-racist organizer, and mixed-media fiber artist, for a grounding conversation on Post-Traumatic Mistress Syndrome. This August, MW USA's Coffee & Conversation will talk about the trauma patterns that so often keep white women from showing up fully in anti-racist ministry. And we'll turn toward the healing that makes real solidarity possible. Bring a comfortable seat, your favorite beverage, and join us Thursday, August 6 at 4:00p MT for this honest, grounding conversation.

50 YEARS OF MORE WITH LESS: [This year marks the 50th anniversary of *More-with-Less*—a simple cookbook that has done something extraordinary](#). For five decades, it has quietly shaped the way people think about food, faith, and daily life. In kitchens and around tables, it has invited generations into a deeper way of living. A life marked by joy, resilience, simplicity, and generosity. *More-with-Less* has helped us ask meaningful questions:

How do we live simply so others may simply live?

How do our daily choices reflect our faith?

How can the table become a place of connection, gratitude, and community?

As we celebrate 50 years of *More-with-Less Cookbook*, we are investing in its future. Alongside the anniversary edition, we are developing a companion resource that will help a new generation engage the cookbook's timeless themes of simplicity, gratitude, stewardship, and community. These efforts will preserve and share the enduring impact of *More-with-Less* for years to come.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CONGRESS MOVES TO HAND OVER THE US MILITARY TO ISRAEL: On July 15, the House passed its FY27 national security appropriations bill, HR 8595, by a vote of 217 to 209. Written into it: language folding Israel's military into the US defense supply chain, and a line guaranteeing "not less than \$3,300,000,000 . . . for grants only for Israel." Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) moved to strike that \$3.3 billion. He lost, 104 to 314.

TRAINING FOR HARD CONVERSATIONS: Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ) is hosting a webinar training, July 28 at 6:00p MT: "How to organize your people: a training for white people on how to have hard conversations" to go deeper. Have you ever had a conversation about racism or politics where you looked back and thought, "I wish I had kept my cool and dealt with that differently?" Navigating these conversations, staying grounded, and treating your loved one with dignity while agitating them towards a more just view of the world is a skill that you can learn. Info [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: With the extreme heat this summer in our region, you may be interested to know the best ways to stay cool in the house without using excessive energy. Fans literally cost pennies to run and use 15 to 75 watts per hour. Swamp coolers are the next best option, as they use 200 to 500 watts per hour. Air conditioning is the biggest energy user, since it runs heavy compressors and a refrigeration cycle, consuming 1,000 to 5000 watts per hour. With this in mind, you may want to conserve resources by cooling off with a damp bandanna around your neck, misting your face with a spray bottle, or putting your feet in a bucket of ice water! It works!