

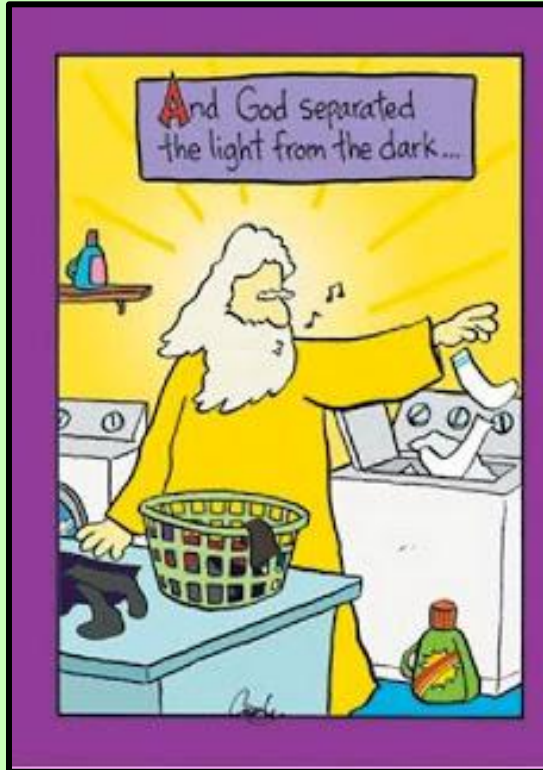


Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 30, 2026

A Service of the Word

Holy Humor Sunday!



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 Ojethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

GATHERING

Prelude

Joy to the World

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God has done great things for you! There is a time for weeping, and a time for shouts of joy. Today we receive the Spirit with joy!

People: **We need laughter in our lives.**

Leader: Laughter is deliverance, it's bubbly salvation.

People: **Laughter is a bubbly, effervescent form of holiness.**

Leader: Laughter is carbonated holiness.

ALL: *And when we're laughing together, we're on sacred ground.*

***Singing**

The Fools are in the House

insert

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

***Praise Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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HEARING

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalms 126

When YHWH brought us captives back to Zion, we thought we were dreaming!

Our mouths were filled with laughter then, our tongues with songs of joy.

And from the nations we heard, "Their God has done great things for them."

Yes—YHWH has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Now set our captive hearts free, YHWH! Make them like streams in the driest desert!

Then those who now sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy; those who go out weeping as they carry their seed for sowing will come back with shouts of joy as they carry their harvest home.

New Testament Reading

from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7

We always thank God for all of you and remember you in our prayers. We call to mind before our God and Creator how you are proving your faith by your actions, laboring in love, and showing constancy of hope in our Savior Jesus Christ. You

followed the example set by us and by Jesus—receiving the word, despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy spirit. In this way, you’ve become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

Invitation to laugh together

Share your holy humor!

RESPONDING

*Singing

The Joy of the Lord
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

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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: Sharing our Gifts

To God be the Glory

Prayer: Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

You Shall Go Out With Joy

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*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Call to Worship adapted from the writings of Anne Lamott. Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Boulder Mennonite is committed to making our worship space sacred for all. Please refrain from taking pictures of people during the service without their consent. Thank you for your sensitivity to everyone, BMC Church Council.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Susan Graber Worship Leader: Sandi Sanborn Readers: Laura Minter, Becky Neumann Music: Judy Classen Susan Graber	Prayers of the People: Douglas Minter Tech Support: Steve Voran Greeters: Karl Ortman, Lisa Voss Snacks: Susan Graber
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TODAY at BMC

- 9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling
11:00 Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 1 of the transitional minister interviews



PASTOR: Terry Zimmerly, our transitional minister, is generally in the office 9:30 – 2:30, Tuesday – Friday. Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Terry normally takes Monday as a Sabbath. Contact Terry at: terry@bouldermennonite.org / 319-512-8625 (cell)

DEACONS: Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290; Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248

CHURCH ADMINSTRATORS: Susan Graber and Cheri Krause – someone is usually in the office part of the day Tuesday through Thursday. *Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

ECOLOGY TIP: Some energy-saving tips are super simple, like putting a lid on the pot when you need to boil water. The water will heat up more quickly, thus saving energy. Even better, if you have an electric teapot, use it to heat water for making pasta, boiling eggs, or even washing dishes by hand. It is much quicker and more efficient than boiling water on your stove.

THIS WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS can be accessed [here](#) or via this QR code: *They are also posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.*



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for August 30, 2026

THIS WEEK at BMC

9/2 Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659

NEXT SUNDAY – September 6, 2026:

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

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Judy Classen
Moment for All:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Sandi Sanborn, Douglas Minter
Music:	Bruce Fast
Prayers of the People:	Terry Zimmerly
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Micheline Fast

COMING UP

9/10	Church Council, 5:00 at church and zoom
9/12	Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
9/13	Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 2 of the transitional minister interviews
9/13	Heretics Group, 4:00p. Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712
9/16	Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
9/20	School Kit Sunday at BMC! Be here to help assemble our kits!
9/27	Farewell picnic for Joan and Ezra Tice after worship
10/13	Red Cross Blood Drive at BMC. We will need a few volunteers to help.
10/17	Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds
10/18	Heretics Group, 4:00p. Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712
10/25	Hold this date for an afternoon hymn sing at First Mennonite in Denver!
11/6-8	Workshop on the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church – Register here .
11/15	BMC's annual fundraising auction! NOTE that this is a week earlier than usual due to the peace concert we are hosting on 11/20.
11/21	Dinner potluck and peace concert at Boulder Mennonite—please plan to attend and help if you can. (note previously this was incorrectly noted as 11/20)
7/6-10, '27	MC USA's MennoCon , the national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
8 – Lisa Voss	16 – Susan Graber	1 – Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer
9 – Brenda Fox	20 – Alfred Sawatzky	
12 – Jen Dudenhefer	30 – Willburn Taylor	
12 – Miles Mathis		

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for Lisa Voss, who found out that she will need to have a heart procedure. Please pray that a balloon and stent procedure will be successful so she can avoid bypass surgery.
- ~ for healing for Pastor Terry's sprained wrist and patience as he deals with a splint for six weeks.
- ~ of thanksgiving that Anita Jantz's daughter, Tammy, seems to have had successful surgery Thursday. Thank you for your prayers!
- ~ for our congregation as we continue through our pastoral transition process and seek an administrator.
- ~ for Dr. Paul Johnson, who has been diagnosed with stage four non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He is the leader of Rocky Mountain MDS and has pastored in several of our conference churches and spoken here at Boulder Mennonite. He is at home and will be undergoing chemotherapy. Please keep Paul, Mary (his wife), and their family in your prayers. We give thanks for the doctors and medical team who are caring for Paul. We ask God to cover Paul and his family in peace and the confidence that love has and will continue to carry them.
- ~ for the family and friends of Eva Klink, who passed away on August 20. Eva was active for many years in the Anabaptist community in the Front Range. She attended Boulder Mennonite in the past, and was a gifted worship leader and planner, and seamstress.
- ~for family and friends of Rev. Jane Davis, who passed away on August 18 at her daughter's home in Littleton, CO. She was a retired Church of the Brethren pastor, who served at various churches, including the Peace Community Church of the Brethren in Windsor, CO.
- ~ for former participant, Liz Burr, and her family as they grieve the passing of her aunt.
- ~ for [Mennonite Mission Network Weekly Prayer Requests — September 2026](#)

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: Please plan to join us for the congregational meeting today at 11:00! We will discuss Part 1 of Terry's report of his interviews with our congregation participants. We will discuss Part 2 on September 13. These meetings can help inform our upcoming decisions about pastoral leadership.

DEACON DISCERNMENT: Your nomination forms are due today, August 30! Please leave the form in the box in the sanctuary or email it to info@bouldermennonite.org.--Carole and Judy, Nominating Team

MCC SCHOOL KIT SUNDAY COMING SOON: It's that time of year again when we purchase supplies to assemble school kits, for Mennonite Central Committee, to be shipped to children in countries of special need. We'll assemble the kits during worship on September 20th. Such a simple way to make a difference in the education and future of children worldwide! Your generous donations last year made 1,022 school kits (and have made a total of 17,319 school kits over the past 21 years!) We would like to complete 1,000 school kits again this year at a cost of about \$4 to \$5 per kit. To do so, we need EVERYONE's HELP! How? Donate money toward the purchase of school supplies by giving a check made payable to BMC with "MCC School Kits" written on the memo line. You may place your check in the Sunday morning offering; you may give your check directly to Bruce Fast, our treasurer; or donate online by clicking [MCC School Kits | Boulder Mennonite Church](#).

YOUR COINS COUNT! Each year, spare change collected by children, families and churches adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC's work around the world. Bring your loose change and bills and add them to our change jar during our offering time. They'll be delivered to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you!

WE ARE STILL SEEKING A NEW ADMINISTRATOR! Boulder Mennonite is looking for a part-time church administrator. Flexible days and hours! Go to this [link](#) for more information.

WAR TAX RESISTANCE: What does it look like to participate in war tax resistance not as an act in solitude, but in public? Hand in hand with your community? Joanna Lawrence Shenk, a pastor at First Mennonite Church of San Francisco, [recently shared about her experience with Anabaptist World](#). In the article and accompanying congregational statement, she makes the case for war tax resistance and explains how her congregation is stepping into this risk together, with a commitment to support one another. *"As Mennonites seek to build a peace movement in this political moment, we need congregations who are courageous to stand in solidarity with war tax resisters. If the federal government chooses to come after us in a public way, they will be targeting congregations who have moral clarity in our long tradition of pacifism. This is a testimony to the world, no matter the outcome, and strengthens the resolve of others to take action in whatever ways they can."* **What do we as a congregation want to do?** Contact Cheri Krause at cheri.krause@gmail.com or text 510-227-9712 if interested.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Get involved with the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 17!

- Spread the word about this great event!
- Attend the Relief Sale and invite family and friends to join you.
- Volunteer for a shift during the sale. Sign up [here](#).
- Donate an item for the General Auction, Silent Auction, Kids Auction, or Quilt Auction.

Go to our [website](#) for additional information.

MAKING AI USEFUL IN YOUR BUSINESS, SAFELY: On Thursday, October 8 at 6:00p, join Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) for "[Making AI Useful in Your](#)

[Business, Safely.](#)” Two questions will drive the evening: Where does AI actually save you time? And what is the catch? Whether you use AI every day or are still deciding what it means for your business, join the conversation with us. This is presented by our own Teresa “T” Troester-Falk, (past MEDA board chair) who will join from the Dominican Republic by Zoom. She is the founder and owner of BlueSky Privacy, where she and a team of former chief privacy officers help companies build privacy and AI governance programs. She has spent more than two decades in privacy law. Cost: \$30 per person, Location: The Vib Hotel, 3560 Brighton Boulevard, Denver

MENNONITE CHURCH USA ANNOUNCEMENTS: [September 2026 news and updates](#)

FROM MCC PER KOREAN PEACE NETWORK: Korea Peace Network (KPN), of which MCC U.S. is a member, is an alliance of concerned U.S.-based civil society groups working together to establish a just peace on the Korean Peninsula through peacebuilding, engagement, trust building, reconciliation, and dialogue between all concerned governments and civil society groups. Learn more about recent political developments and opportunities for action on their [website](#). The Korean War has remained unended for 73 years and relations between the U.S. and the DPRK have been frozen since President Trump and Kim Jong Un's meetings in 2018-19. U.S. leaders now have an opportunity to bring DPRK back to the table.

GROWING FAITH: Amy Yoder McGloughlin, MC USA denominational minister of Education, explores how families, churches, schools and communities can work together to nurture Christian and Anabaptist faith in children and youth in [this report](#).

BOOK REVIEW FROM MENNONITE WOMEN : Read a review by Peggy Stein of *The Girl Who Baptized Herself: How a Lost Scripture About a Saint Named Thecla Reveals the Power of Knowing Our Worth* by Meggan Watterson. It is a factual historical piece that introduces Thecla, a contemporary of the Apostle Paul, who is lost in the scriptures that we read today. It is a thoughtful journey about women’s transforming power of going within oneself to find the love and freedom of being authentic.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD: [Mennonite Mission Network \(MMN\), September 2026](#). Thank you for your prayers and your support. May the peace of Christ be with you.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE (MWC) LETTER: [MWC pastoral letter: A call to the unity of the Spirit](#) about differing viewpoints related to same-sex relationships in the church.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FROM FLATIRONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: During our 2026 fiscal year, 1,125 volunteers (including some from Boulder Menno!) contributed more than 18,000 hours, bringing their time, talent, and energy to our build sites, ReStore, and BoulderMOD. Read our [2026 Impact Report](#) for more.