Welcome to

Boulder Mennonite Church

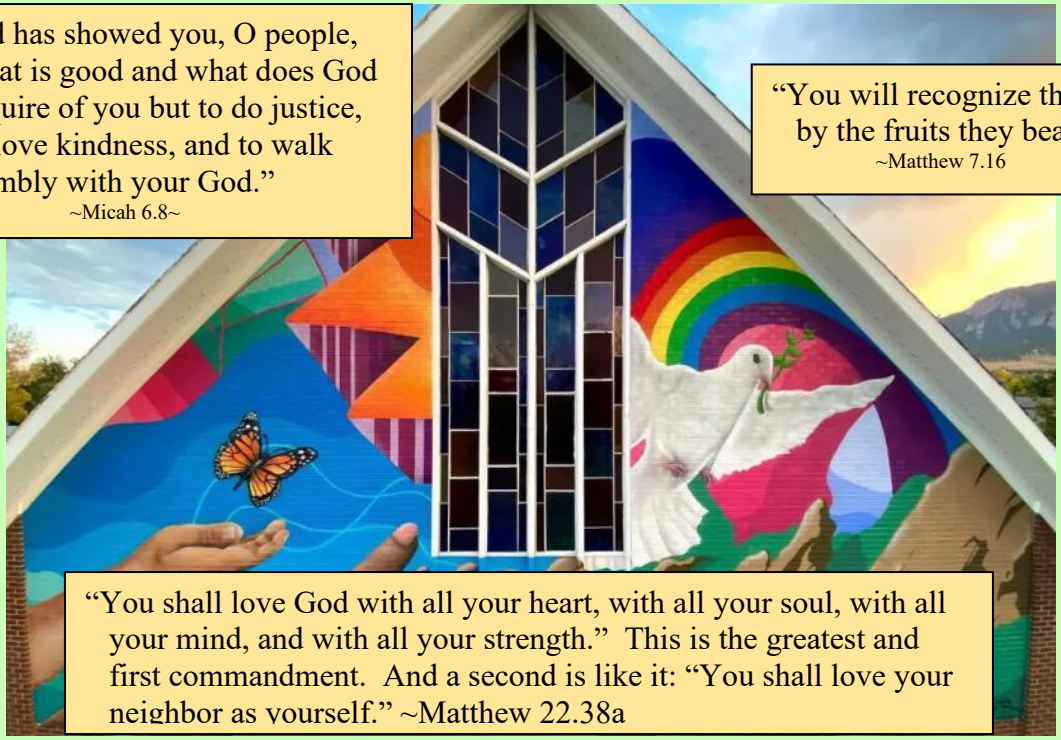
Sunday, November 15, 2026

A Service of the Word

Happy Birthday, BMC – 42 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 22.38a

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.

GATHERING

Prelude

***Call to Worship** 884

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** The Church of Christ 392

***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 What Gift Can We Bring HWB 385

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Boulder Mennonite Guiding Scriptures

Micah 6:8

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.

Matthew 7:16

You will recognize them by the fruits they bear.

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"

Jesus answered:

"'**You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.**' That is the greatest and first commandment.

The second is like it: '**You must love your neighbor as yourself.**' On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well."

Singing What Does the Lord Require of You 207

Sermon **Celebrate a Good Foundation and Continue Building**

RESPONDING

***Singing** The Church's One Foundation 397

Introductions & Announcements

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

***Sending Song** You Are Salt for the Earth 297

***Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able

Resources used in worship:
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!

Speakers:	Steve and Susan Ortman Goering	**Prayers of the People:**	Douglas Minter
Worship Leader:	Judy Classen	**Tech Support:**	Steve Voran
Moment for All:	Karen Cox	**Greeters:**	Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Readers:	Michelene Fast, Sandi Sanborn	**Snacks:**	Michelene Fast
Music:	Susan Graber		

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and mingling
11:00a	Annual Fundraising Auction!

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: Our new Administrator, Cole Azulay has started! Susan Graber is training him. Cole plans to work on Tuesday and Friday. *Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Friday, 8:00am.*

About Our Guest Speakers:



We welcome **Steve and Susan Ortman Goering** this morning. They both grew up in Central Kansas and moved into pastoring after other careers. Susan pastored in Arvada, and they pastored together in Boulder, Columbus, Ohio and Fort Collins for a combined 55 years. They are retired in Fort Collins, near two adult children, Matthew and Christie, and 4 grandchildren. Their youngest, Katie, is in rural Washington with her two children. Susan fills her time reading, gardening, and working on MCC comforters and crocheted rugs. Steve works with immigration issues, particularly ISAAC, an interfaith immigration organization that he helped found several years ago, watches sports, and drives grandsons to sports activities.

Thank you for blessing us today, Steve and Susan!

ECOLOGY TIP: At this time of year when daylight hours decrease and days are colder, those of us who are very engaged in the natural world may find it easy to be discouraged. This is a good time to be inspired by descriptions of nature from the Bible or other writers. Here's a quote from John Muir: "The pines spiraling around me higher, higher to the Star-flowered sky are plainly full of God…Oh, the infinite abundance and universality of beauty. Beauty is God. What shall we say of God that we may not say of beauty?"

THIS WEEK'S 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 November 15, 2026

Sunday, 8, 2026: **Attendance:** 22, + 6 Online **Offering:** $1,929

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/18	Choir rehearsal, 7:00, at church
11/20	Funeral for Mai Wheeler, 11:00a, at the church
11/21	Dinner potluck and peace concert at Boulder Mennonite—please plan to attend and help if you can. See announcement for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY – November 22, 2026:

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

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Moment for All:	Judy Classen
Readers:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Bruce Wheeler
Music:	Choir, Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Prayers of the People:	Douglas Minter
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Laura Minter, Matt Spiller
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

11/25	Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
11/28	Walking Group, 9:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
12/2	Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
12/12	Walking Group, 9:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
12/12	Heretics Group, 11a. Brunch. Contact Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, 541-207-8105
7/6-10, '27	MC USA's **MennoCon**, the national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
1 – Suzanne Classen 4 – Frances Tice	22 – Mike Tice

~PRAYERS~

~ for the Wheeler family. Mai Wheeler passed away peacefully in her sleep at dawn on 11/11/26. We offer our comfort to Bruce and Sheng as they deal with their loss. Mai's funeral will be Friday, 11/20.

~ Paul McKay asks for prayers for all of those traveling in Guatemala for two weeks of visiting EPIC supported programs. May they be safe on the congested roads.

~ From Mennonite World Conference: We pray for groups all over the world who are standing up for the rights of ordinary people, especially those on the margins. As they demand fair and accountable government, environmental protection, equal treatment for all, access to more economic opportunities and quality education, we pray that God will hear their cry and grant their governments the wisdom to do the right thing.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~



AUCTION TIME: Our annual fundraising auction is today after worship! Please join us and bid high and often! The silent auction will be going on during worship and snack time. The live auction will start at 11:00a.

FUNERAL FOR MAI WHEELER: Mai's funeral will be held here at Boulder Mennonite on Friday, 11/20, at 11:00a. The funeral will be followed by a simple meal. Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help with the service and the meal. We could still use a few more people to help clean up after the meal—please let Susan know if you can help.

Thanks also to the twenty people who gathered last Sunday night to sing at the Wheeler family home. It was a lovely way to demonstrate our love for Mai, Bruce, and Sheng.

CONCERT AND POTLUCK AT BMC: Join us this Saturday **November 21,** for a Peace Concert featuring ***"Minab Lullaby"*** a composition by Moji Agha. On February 28, the first day of the U.S. bombing of Iran, an elementary school was struck in the city of Minab, killing 168 people, mostly children. Half of all donations for the evening will benefit the Minab School Memorial Monument for Peace, a project of the Peace-Seeking Iranian Veterans. $12 donation requested (not required). Children under 12 are free. Link for more information and to donate: Here is the schedule—**please plan to help if you can and to attend the potluck and concert! Help sign up list on back table;** contact pastor Terry if you have questions.

- 5 PM Welcome, setup
- 5:30-6:30 PM Potluck
- 6:30-8 PM Concert

CHOIR ENSEMBLE FOR SUNDAY, 11/22: Jean McPherson is putting together a small choir for worship on Sunday 11/22. We'll sing one piece together. Rehearsals are scheduled for Wed, 11/18, 7:00p, and Sunday morning, 11/22, at 8:45a. If you are interested in singing and don't yet have the music, please contact Jean, 719-289-0604.

THANK YOUS: Thank you to Elleanna, Gwen, and Karl for working to clean and organize the cabinet for our worship supplies!

PRIORITIES SURVEY CLOSES TODAY: The Congregational and Pastor Priorities survey,

part of the MC USA pastor search process, is open online through today. The survey link was sent to active participants. If you did not receive the survey, and would like to give some informal feedback, please contact a member of the search committee.

You can find documents related to our pastoral search and congregational meetings in the Members area of the website. Contact the church office if you need the password.

Here is an updated list of some events and milestones in the pastoral search process. (Completed items are struck out.) – Pastoral Search Committee: Douglas, Joanna, Steve, Susan, Toni

~~10/18~~	~~Congregational Meeting to introduce the survey on congregational and pastoral priorities, and to clarify "missional church"~~
~~11/1~~	~~**Congregational Meeting** to kick off the survey and talk together about our thoughts on the priorities. Please come ready to share your top 6 priorities.~~
11/15	**Survey responses due**
12/6	**Congregational Meeting** to review survey results and try to reach a decision on whether we will seek a full-time or ¾-time pastor
TBD	Ad released for pastor--all aspects of pastoral role must be defined when the ad is released so Amy Zimbleman, our conference minister, can advise potential candidates.

OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR: Our new church administrator, **Cole Azulay**, has started. Cole will generally be working on Tuesdays and Fridays. Cole will join us some Sunday morning to experience one of our services. Susan is training him and helping to ensure a smooth transition. Welcome Cole!

PASTOR TERRY IS AWAY THIS WEEKEND: Terry is attending the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Minister's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this weekend.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

ZING NEWSLETTER: The November Issue of Zing!, the newsletter for Mountain States Mennonite Conference, is available at this LINK.

MC USA NAMES INTERIM DIRECTOR: The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has appointed Iris de León-Hartshorn as interim executive director, effective Jan. 1. She is the first woman to hold this role. Since 2018, de León-Hartshorn has served as associate executive director for operations and director of human resources. More here.

MCC GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Double your donation on Giving Tuesday, December 1, when all monetary donations to MCC will be matched up to $100,000! Get your Christmas shopping done through the MCC Giving Guide.

LEAVING CHURCH, STILL SEEKING GOD: This blog from Mennonite Mission Network, explores people who left the church who are still looking for God. Is it possible the church misunderstands why they left?

NOVEMBER DEAL OF THE MONTH FROM MENNO MEDIA: Save 40% on Select Herald Press titles for this Christmas. Shop here.

FROM ANABAPTIST WORLD: Two articles related to current politics:

- *On election night, the religious left is back*
- *Paths of resistance,* about the surge of Christian nationalism on the religious right and in the halls of power.

ACTION ALERT FROM MCC: Urge the Senate to oppose BAAJA! The U.S. Senate will vote soon on a broad permitting reform bill, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA). The legislation includes upgrades to the electrical grid and permitting process, which may allow more renewable energy into the grid and reduce overall emissions. However, analysis shows that any progress BAAJA would make toward increased clean energy would be at the expense of vulnerable communities and the bedrock environmental policies that safeguard public health, ensure clean water and protect precious ecosystems. More info and an online form to contact your senator here.

STOP THE US AND ISRAELI MILITARIES FROM BECOMING FURTHER ENMESHED: From Mennonite Action: It's time for us to respond as Mennonites, fellow Christians, and friends. We're launching our "Chorus Against the Merger" toolkit today, with everything you need to know to organize an action, and we encourage you to attend the Peace School Training on November 19th, 6:00p MT.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FROM CASA DE PAZ: We welcomed 384 individuals being released from Aurora GEO, with 243 coming to Casa. Among the releases, there were 41 countries represented. Full report here.

SETTLER ATTACKS IN THE WEST BANK: The Good Shepherd Collective reports that between October 12 and November 10, Israeli settlers carried out 714 attacks on Palestinians across the West Bank, about 24 a day. That is 55% more than the average for 30 days over the past year. See their report and video here.