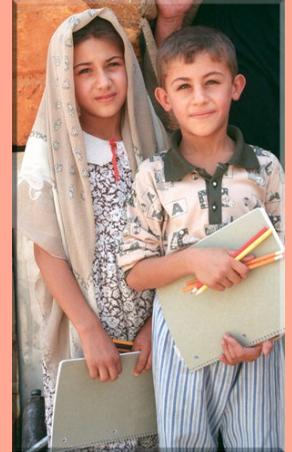




Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 18, 2022

School Kit Sunday *A Worship and Service* *Sunday!*



*Today is Mennonite
World Conference
Peace 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.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, Jesus began to teach them:

“Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: **the kindom of heaven is theirs.**

Blessed are those who are mourning: **they will be consoled.**

Blessed are those who are gentle: **they will inherit the land.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: **they will have their fill.**

Blessed are those who show mercy to others: **they will be shown mercy.**

Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: **they will see God.**

Blessed are those who work for peace: **they will be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: **the kindom of heaven is theirs.**

“**You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.** Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.

“**You are the salt of the earth.** But what if salt were to lose its flavor? How could you restore it? It would be fit for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“**You are the light of the world.** You don’t build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don’t light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. **In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven.**

Singing

Alleluia

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Now Testament Reading

Irina Bokova, Ban Ki-moon

We must not allow conflict to deprive children and adults of the crucial opportunity of literacy. Literacy is a fundamental human right, and the foundation of all education and lifelong learning. Literacy transforms the lives of people, allowing them to make informed choices and empowering them to become agents of change. Lasting peace depends on the development of literate citizenship and access to education for all. Amidst political upheaval and escalating violence in many parts of the world, literacy must be a priority in the peace-building agenda of all nations,”

I call on world leaders and all involved with education to join this initiative. The cost of leaving millions of children and young people on the margins of society is far greater than the funds required to reach the international goals for education.

Ask any parent what they want for their children, even in war zones and disaster areas where food, medicine and shelter might be considered the highest priorities,

and the answer is the same: education for children. Ask any child what he or she wishes to be when they grow up, and the answer is rooted in education. Education is the gateway to fulfilling those aspirations. A literate world is a more peaceful world, and a more harmonious and healthy world.

Message

Education Leads to Peace

RESPONDING

Singing

Take my life and let it be

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

WORSHIP in ACTION:

PREPARING SCHOOL KITS for Mennonite Central Committee

***Singing**

God of all Learning

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015, adapted RLS; Music: Trad Gaelic melody BUNESSAN



1. God of all learn - ing, God of all know - ing, we pack these
2. Some kids are poor and some kids have noth - ing, may we do
3. Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them, bless those who



school kits filled with sup - plies. Bless all these tools of learn - ing and
our part to help their need. May they feel that they're safe, loved and
teach and coun - sel and care. May they re - mem - ber you walk be -



grow - ing. May they be used to change man - y lives.
health - y so that they all may thrive and suc - ceed.
side them. Through all their learn - ing, you, God, are there.

***Blessing for School Kits**

Leader: We circle a stack of school supplies, thankful for the ways in which this little mountain of abundance will go now to meet needs in an ocean of scarcity. We ask your blessing, Giving Spirit, upon these school bags, sown with love and dedication, not knowing all the imaginative ways these bags will be put to use, whether to store things or to wear...

All: As our hands gather and send, bless the little hands who will receive and use!

Leader: Bless these shiny new notebooks, crisp and ready to receive the hidden thoughts, the assigned essays, the figures and translations of lessons yet untaught...

All: As our hands gather and send, bless the little hands who will receive and use!

Leader: Bless these rulers and erasers, knowing an education's benefits cannot be measured and the gift of education may well be able to erase not all, but at least a few of the disadvantages poverty extorts...

All: As our hands gather and send, bless the little hands who will receive and use!

Leader: Bless these pencils - standard pencils that teach necessary realities and colored pencils that encourage the imagination to dream new possibilities...

All: As our hands gather and send, bless the little hands who will receive and use!

Leader: We do not know the children who will receive these school kits. May God shelter and encourage these precious lives and help us find creative ways to advance their cause. Though the need around our world is as fathomless as the ocean, we are thankful for this defiant little mountain of supplies that boldly seeks to meet some of those needs.

All: As we pack and prepare, bless the children who will use these supplies to learn and to live. We pray this in the name and way of Jesus. AMEN.

LET'S WORSHIP THRU SERVICE!

**As you are able, please stand in body, mind, or spirit.*



Resources used in worship:

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause
Readers:	Judy Classen, Becky Neumann
Music:	Eve Kia & Lilia Mast
A Moment for all Ages:	Pastor Randy/MCC Video
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Snacks:	Sandi Sanborn, Michelene Fast
School Kit Coordinator:	Gwen Grasse

September 11, 2022

Attendance: 42 Offering: 1,860

TODAY at BMC

9:30am **Worship and mingling:** Assembling **School Kits** for Mennonite Central Committee to distribute around the world. **DONATE** towards the cost of supplies. **Write a check** with “MCC School Kits” written on the memo line or **put a little cash into the bucket** on the snack table.

THIS WEEK at BMC

9/21 **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee, 6:30p**

NEXT SUNDAY – September 25, 26th Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

9:30a **Worship and Mingling**

11:00am **Adult Education:** The Book of Daniel. Ezra Tice, leader

Upper Youth: meet with Pastor Randy, lower level

COMING UP

9/25 Upper Youth class begins @BMC, 11am

10/14-10/15 Rocky Mountain MCC Sale, Rocky Ford, CO

11/4-11/6 BMC Retreat at Glacier View

12/2-12/3 Ten Thousand Villages Pop Up Shop @BMC

~PRAYERS~

~Remembering all the lives lost and lives forever altered on 9/11. May peace and love overcome such hatred ~Susan Graber

September Birthdays	September Birthdays	September Anniversaries
8 – Lisa Voss 9 – Brenda Fox 11 – Kristi Swasko 11 – Booker Bryant 12 – Jen Dudenhefer	12 – Miles Mathis 16 – Susan Graber 20 – Alfred Sawatzky 25 – Anne Brubacher 30 – Liz Burr	1 – Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer 22 – Terry & Eldon Mast

Please let us know if we failed to acknowledge your special day. We want to celebrate you!

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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

DEACONS: Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527; Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Joan Tice: 717-512-6591

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

BMC YOUTH EDUCATION CLASSES begin soon! Pastor Randy will lead the Upper Youth (grades 9-12) in gatherings beginning Sunday, September 25. Stay tuned for info on Junior Youth and more.

HARVEST OF HOPE: Ivanna will be dropping donations off to Harvest of Hope on Wednesday, September 28. Please bring your non perishable items to the church and place them in the blue bin at the back of the sanctuary, near the lost and found. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Prayerstream and MDS have been in touch with the city of Boulder (many thanks to Kurt Firnhaber) to help people whose homes were damaged in the 100 mph winds of the Marshall fire. We will be needing volunteers to help repair mobile homes in south Boulder on some Saturdays starting in September. Right now we need a crew leader, a person with some knowledge of home repair, who can be at the San Souci mobile home park to supervise the work. Please contact Carole if you feel called or know of someone who might be willing!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP asks for volunteers to do fire mitigation during the week of October 4-8. Contact the camp for more information or to sign up!

EARTH'S TABLE GARDENS are in full harvest mode, and we could use your help! This has been an outreach ministry for BMC in recent years, and it would be wonderful to have a few folks come harvest the abundance for those in need. The garden near Niwot harvests on Monday and Thursday, and Cherryvale is usually on Tuesdays. Contact Carole to volunteer!
“I was hungry, and you gave me food.” ---Jesus

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CROP HUNGER WALK: It is time to sign up to walk or pledge donations to help feed the hungry in our community and around the world. One small step or one small gift helps. The Boulder walk is Sunday, October 16 starting at 2p. Small groups, see Paul Classen, CROP coordinator, for pledge forms and information.

ECOLOGY TIP: When we consider what it takes, in terms of soil, water and labor to grow and transport food, it becomes an environmental issue as well as ethical one to not waste food. One local restaurant with a buffet is now charging people extra money if they leave 25% or more of their meal on their plate. We can make conscious choices, both at home and when eating out, as to what and how much food we take. Let's honor God's gift of food and those who grow it by taking only what we need!

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.



Donate to BMC

