



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Mennonite Disaster Service Weekend



RESPOND. REBUILD. RESTORE.

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.

fortunes and have compassion upon you, and will gather you again from all the nations to which you were banished. God will bring you prosperity and make you even more numerous than your ancestors were.

The prophet Nehemiah said to the nobles and officials, “It is wrong for you to be gouging the people with interest on their debts! You should be living in respect of God’s ways, so that you are above reproach in the eyes of the nations of our enemies. My kin and I, and the workers under me, are lending these people money and grain. Stop this usury immediately! Return their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves and their houses, as well as all the obscene profits you’ve made, whether in money, in grain, in new wine, or in olive oil—and do it today.”

“We will give them back,” they promised, “we will restore all these and require nothing more from them. We will obey your word.”

Singing Rain down 703

Gospel Reading Matthew 4.18-23

As Jesus was walking along the sea of Galilee, he watched two brothers—Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew—casting a net into the sea. They fished by trade. Jesus said to them, “**Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind.**” They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus.

Jesus walked along further and caught sight of a second pair of brothers—James and John, sons of Zebedee. They too were in their boat, mending their nets with their father. Jesus called them, **and immediately they abandoned both boat and father to follow him.**

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, **proclaiming the Good News of the kindom of heaven and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses among the people.**

Message *Commissioning: Watching What God Has in Mind*

RESPONDING:

Singing God of justice 772

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** Heart with loving heart united, vv. 1, 3 813



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality; *Psalms for Praying*, Nan C. Merrill

Cover art: the MDS logo centers the cross as Jesus is the center of their work and MDS volunteers serve in the name of God’s Anointed. The handshake represents the primary relationship between MDS volunteers and the clients they serve. Effective disaster response begins with working partnerships between organizations, agencies, and individuals. Many of these partnerships begin and end with a handshake!

Call to worship, adapted from Joanna Harader in *Voices Together*, 851. 2017.

About our Guest Speakers: *We welcome Paul Johnson and Matt Troyer-Miller this morning.*

Dr. Paul Johnson was born in Denver and raised in Idaho Springs, Colorado. His lineage traces from the Mennonite Colonies outside Mariapol, Ukraine to Mt. Lake, Minnesota, where the family immigrated in 1876. He served as a conscientious objector at Craig Hospital during the Vietnam War. His life passion has been seeking Jesus at the margins, with the children, the poor and the homeless. He has served as conference moderator, on the Mennonite Board of Education (MEA), former pastor at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, co-chair of Rocky Mountain Unit, MDS, and co-pastor at Mean Streets Worship Center and Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship. He and his wife Mary have the joy of two children, Kira and Luke, and two grandsons.



Matt Troyer-Miller grew up on the Troyer family dairy farm in rural Shickley, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Hesston College, Goshen College, and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He has worked as Regional Operations Coordinator in Region 3 with MDS since May 1, 2023. Prior to his role with MDS, Matt served as pastor of the Wood River Mennonite Church in rural Wood River, NE for eleven years. He lives in Wood River with his wife Elizabeth and their three kids: Fritz (11), Loretta (8), and Ezra (6). He enjoys working in the garden, in the flowerbeds, baking bread, and serving his community and church on various boards.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

- Guest Speakers:** Dr. Paul Johnson, Matt Troyer-Miller
- Worship Leader:** Toni Diaz Bachus
- Readers:** Sandi Sanborn, Becky Neumann
- Music:** Jean McPherson, Pastor Randy Spaulding
- Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky
- Greeters:** Joan & Ezra Tice, Becky Neumann
- Snacks:** Cindy Firnhaber

September 10, 2023

Attendance: 39

Offering: \$2,460

TODAY at BMC

9:30am

**Worship
Mingling and Snacks**

11:00am

Joint Adult/Youth Education hour: *Envisioning the Future of Church and BMC*, intro.

THIS WEEK at BMC

- 9/19 Introverts informal small group, 1p
9/21 Centering prayer small group, 11a
9/21 Bible study small group, 7p

NEXT SUNDAY – September 24: 25th Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

- 9:30am** **Worship and mingling**
Greetings by Flatirons Habitat for Humanity's Community Relations Manager,
Hasan Abdul-Karim. Celebration of Communion
- 11:00am** **Adult Ed Hour**, Sanctuary; **Youth Gathering**, Room 102
- 12:15pm** **Book discussion small group**

COMING UP

- 9/26 Singing small group, 6:30p
9/28 Deacons mtg, 11:30a
10/1 BMC School Kit Sunday
10/7 Faith and Life Forum (virtual), Mountain States Mennonite Conference
10/20-21 Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, Rocky Ford
11/10-12 Pastor's retreat, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

~PRAYERS~

- ~from **Paul** and **Mary McKay**: For our **Moroccan** brothers and sisters who are suffering the consequences of a major 6.8 earthquake.
- ~for healing for **Anita Jantz**, who is recovering from pneumonia.
- ~ of comfort for the family and friends of **Teri Glenn** (friend of **Susan Graber**) who lost her battle with cancer on Tuesday.
- ~from [Community Peacemaker Teams](#): Pray for the **people of Colombia** in South America, as election day approaches (Oct 29). To date, 26 candidates for offices have been assassinated and hundreds of candidates have suffered violence. Pray for the transformation of the hearts of those who believe violence is the best way to get what they want. And pray for the brave women and men who rise up every day with the strength to struggle for a country and a world where justice and love reign. [Read more here.](#)
- ~ from **Samson Omondi**, Kenya Mennonite Church: Pray for **leaders in Kenya** to embrace tolerance and peace, come what may, for the growth and development of the nation.

~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, Thursday: 8am to 2pm; Friday: 8am-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.

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

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

WELCOME MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE, REGION 3 PARTICIPANTS!! The goal of MDS is to restore hope for survivors of disasters. They do this by recruiting, organizing and empowering volunteers to repair and rebuild the homes of those impacted by disasters in Canada and the U.S. Learn more about the work of MDS and their core values of Faith in Action, Working Together, and Caring Relationships. [Click here.](#)

BOULDER MENNONITE HYMN SING: Folks have expressed interest in regular all-conference hymn sings. The next hymn sing will be held Sunday afternoon, October 29, 3pm here at Boulder Mennonite Church. Light refreshments will be served following the hymn sing. Song leaders and musicians are encouraged to contact Carole Suderman (cjsude@yahoo.com).

BRING YOUR LOOSE CHANGE TO CHURCH! “MY COINS COUNT!” Coins add up. Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee’s (MCC) work around the world. MCC is the humanitarian and relief work agency of our denomination. **Please bring your spare change (and even bills!) each Sunday for the next several weeks to add to our box/jar.** We’ll add our coins to other churches at the Mennonite Relief Sale, Oct. 20-21 in Rocky Ford, CO.



FROM M.A.N.A. (Martin Acres Neighborhood Association) – *I want to extend a very heartfelt thank you (Ivanna), the Church and your congregation for supporting this neighborhood event. This year's Pancake Breakfast was wonderful, a lovely community gathering—and we really could not have done it without you. ~Lisa Marie Harris*

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

WALTER FRIESEN, former pastor at First Mennonite Church in Denver, died on Saturday, August 26th at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at 11 AM at the Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston Kansas, followed by a light lunch and sharing (and probably some music!) There will be a family visitation time on Friday evening the 22nd from 6 PM to 8 PM, also at Whitestone. The service will be live-streamed and available afterward on the Whitestone Website: <https://www.whitstonemc.com/> Obituary and other information available at: www.wigginsfuneralhomes.com.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM: Resetting the Table—a look at right relationships among plants, animals, and people who sustain our food system. Mountain States

Mennonite Conference 2023 virtual Faith & Life Forum will be **Saturday, October 7th, 2023, 9:30am-11:30am.** *What's behind the bunch of grapes or the cut of beef in your grocery store? Whose lives are wrapped up in our food systems and how can we engage with them with more care and justice?* Join **Ismael Camacho**, former farmworker and current staff attorney at New Mexico Legal Aid, and **Rev. Dr. Trevor Bechtel**, writer, ethicist, professor, and pastor at Shalom Community Church in Ann Arbor, MI as we delve into discussion of what the interconnectedness of all creatures means for our lives. Moderated by Rev. Amy Zimbleman. Stay tuned for registration info.



WESTERN SLOPE FELLOWSHIP JOINS MSMC!: “Fruits of the Spirit” was the theme for the first gathering of Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship since the newly formed church was recognized and affirmed by delegates at the recent MSMC assembly. Andy Gingerich, one of the worship planners, incorporated the artistic help of his four-year-old son Leo to create colorful “fruit” which was attached to a cardboard tree. The fruit represented gifts listed in Galatians 5. Fruit also seemed to be an appropriate focus given the preponderance of Grand Valley produce in mid-August—especially the local Palisade peach crop. “What fruit will this small nucleus of a fellowship bear in the future?” was a question asked by Paul Johnson, who is helping to guide the fledgling community. “It probably won’t have the same shape as what’s been done before,” said Gingerich. “We’re in a new and unpredictable era and we have to be able to respond appropriately to the needs and desires of folks who join in our project.”

GLENNON HEIGHTS MENNONITE Church will be hosting a special dinner and variety show on Sept 30, featuring the talents of Glennon Heights church family members of all ages. Potato bar dinner at 5:30 pm; Show at 7:00 pm; Zoom option will be available. 11480 W. Virginia Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226. \$20 suggested donation for adults, \$10 for children (but pay what you can). All proceeds go to the Next Step Fund, GHMC's scholarship program. Please register at <https://bit.ly/glennonnightlive>

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

SCHOOL KIT SUNDAY at Boulder Mennonite is OCT 1st. We could still use help purchasing supplies. Donate money towards the purchase of school supplies by giving a check made payable to BMC with “MCC School Kits” on the memo line. [Or donate online by clicking here.](#) **On October 1, during our worship service, we’ll organize an assembly line in the back of the sanctuary, and everyone can help assemble the school kits.** Never heard of an MCC School Kit? [Click here to find out about this beloved ministry for BMC!](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Menno Snapshots: In a time of transition, ordained and board-certified chaplain, Ruth Johnston, found herself seeking God’s guidance for a new calling. Through the recommendations of her spiritual director, Ruth learned to lean on her passions to discover where God was leading her next. [Read more here.](#)

Apache Stronghold continues prayerful struggle to protect sacred places: [Apache Stronghold](#), a grassroots, non-profit organization, made up of San Carlos Apache, other Indigenous tribes and their allies, work tirelessly to prevent the land transfer of Oak Flat to build the largest copper mine in North America. The [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#), begun by Mennonites, is supporting the lawsuit. Apache Stronghold continues to believe that prayer is one of the most powerful ways to protect Oak Flat. **On November 4, Indigenous people will gather at Oak Flat to pray**, and they have invited people of all faith traditions to join them. The Coalition is encouraging individuals who are able to travel to Oak Flat for a day of prayer, and for those who can’t travel, they suggest organizing prayer events at their churches and in their communities. [Read more at Mennonite Mission Network’s website.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: If you don’t have a home garden, now is a great time to go to the farmers market and purchase fresh, local produce and support those who labor to grow healthy food. Small farmers who bring their vegetables to the markets are often extremely conscientious to take good care of the soil, thus preserving the land for future generations.



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