



ZING!

Our regular Zing! newsletter will return next month with a special January/February edition.

The Marshall Fire As you know, the most destructive wildfire in Colorado's history hit Boulder County on December 30th, 2021. Nearly 1,000 homes were destroyed. Many of you have been praying for those who have lost homes and for the families of those who have lost loved ones. Thank you! Please continue to pray for them and for all the first responders and those continuing to offer support and care. All of our church folks at Boulder Mennonite Church were unharmed, for which we're grateful. One family had a rental property destroyed but the renters escaped unharmed.

There are ways you may help, both monetarily and through donations. BMC will begin accepting donations to be stored at our church and later delivered to locations as need arises. It seems that monetary donations are most needed at this time. May God continue to comfort and strengthen all those affected and may God's people be the hands and feet of Jesus to them in offering support and care.

- Pastor Randy Spaulding, Boulder Mennonite Church

How to Help



Volunteer your time—help families affected by the Marshall Fire by [signing up at ColoradoResponds.org](https://coloradoresponds.org).

Volunteer your shelter to displaced residents— sign up to be a vetted host at Airbnb.com. You will be alerted through the [Airbnb Open Homes Program](#).

Monetary donations: [Boulder Office of Emergency Management](#) and [Community Foundation of Boulder County](#).

The YMCA of Northern Colorado has been accepting donations at their location at 2800 Dagny Way in Lafayette but as of January 3, they are well-stocked! [Follow their updates](#) for what supplies are needed.

Metro Care Ambulance Services is collecting items to help people impacted by the wildfire: toiletries, clothing, gift cards for food and supplies, durable water bottles, dry and canned pet food, phone chargers, toys for children, diapers, wipes and masks. Drop off at Metro Care Ambulance Services, 11111 E. Mississippi Ave. in Aurora.



NO Material Donations are needed at this time. When appropriate, donate only things requested by officials and bring to official designated collection centers. Items not needed may go to waste and get in the way of relief efforts. Listen carefully to public service announcements for needed items. It may take a few days to set up officially designated collection centers to receive them. [Click here](#) for a list of what is needed. To set up a time to drop off items at BMC (3910 Table Mesa Drive), contact Administrator Ivanna Johnson at 303-443-3889. Thank you!



From Sister Carmen in Lafayette: Please read this [article](#): “Thanks, But No Thanks: When Post-Disaster Donations Overwhelm!” from NPR. While we're so grateful for the incredible outpouring of support we've received, we ask that you please be patient with us while we determine the needs of those affected. You should also [follow our Facebook page](#), where we'll let you know as soon as we have a better sense of what kind of donations will be most helpful. We're accepting monetary donations online at www.sistercarmen.org. Thank you!

Conference Minister's Corner

Pastor Amy has been away from her desk for the holiday, making sure to honor Christmas and take a bit of a Sabbath. If you haven't yet heard her thoughts on the importance of honoring Sabbath/sacred downtime/blessed unproductivity, feel free to check out a sermon [here](#).

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Tune in next month to learn what has been happening this winter at RMMC. Until then, check out their [January newsletter online](#).

MSMC Communication Updates

Zing! 2022 deadlines and schedule	
• Jan / Feb —Release Date: Feb 10; <i>submission deadline: Jan 31</i>	• July/Assembly Edition – Release Date: July 10; <i>submission deadline: Jun 30</i>
• Mar —Release Date: Mar 10; <i>submission deadline: Feb 28</i>	• Aug/Sept – Release Date: Aug 31; <i>submission deadline: Aug 15</i>
• Apr – Release Date: Apr 10; <i>submission deadline: Mar 31</i>	• Oct – Release Date: Oct 10; <i>submission deadline: Sept 30</i>
• May - Release Date: May 10; <i>submission deadline: Apr 30</i>	• Nov – Release Date: Nov 10; <i>submission deadline: Oct 31</i>
• Jun – Release Date: Jun 10; <i>submission deadline: May 31</i>	• Dec – Release Date: Dec 10; <i>submission deadline: Nov 30</i>

Bulletin Announcements – We email MSMC congregations every Wednesday with bulletin announcements. If you have something to share out to our community, please email Jen, [MSMC Administrator](#), by 9am Wednesday morning.

Conference Calendar

Spring 2022 Faith & Life Forum
July 29-31,2022 Annual Assembly

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