

Benton Mennonite Church

July 9 2017

Worship leader: Kate Friesen Kempf Speaker: Doug Kaufman
Song leader: Scott Friesen Kempf Children's focus: Rich Meyer
Childcare: Bruce Nofziger and Donna Risser

God's blessing in the midst of family struggles

9:55 Silence and reflection

BF 28 Sing to God with joy
Peace prayer

Welcome and invocation
Call to worship

HWB 56 Awake, arise, O sing a new song
SJ 16 Praise with joy the world's Creator

Confessional prayer
Offering
Children's focus

HWB 421 Bless'd be the tie that binds
HWB 452 Ubi caritas et amor

Scripture Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Song of Songs 2:8-13

Children dismissed to childcare and activity table
Message The dating game

Congregational sharing and prayer
Introductions and announcements
HWB 422 Bwana awabariki (May God grant you a blessing)

HWB = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue) SJ = Sing the Journey (Green)
BF = Blue Folder PP = PowerPoint SS = Song Sheet

Today

- ✝ 11:30am, River Stewards water testing at the Meyer-Reed Farm.
- ✝ 7pm, Taize Evensong at the Hermitage.

Worship activity backpacks are available for preschool age children in the back of the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to come back to the activity table as the sermon begins for the rest of the service.

Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. See the sound person in the back for assistance.

This Week

- ✝ Wednesday, 9:30am, Friendship Circle.
- ✝ Wednesday, 7pm, Physical Facilities.

Next Sunday

- ✝ Phil Yoder, formerly pastor of Forks Mennonite Church, will preach on the story of the birth of Esau and Jacob, based on Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112.

Attendance for Sunday July 2 2017

Total: 64
Visitors: 4

Offering for Sunday July 2 2017

Received: \$2,514
Weekly needed: \$2,991
Difference: (\$477)
YTD received: \$134,649
YTD needed: \$131,604
Difference: \$3,045

Thank you to all who made last Sunday evening's *Discovery: A Comic Lament*, such a success. Attendance was 200, with 50 of those sitting in the foyer. Including those who gave designated offerings, we raised \$2902, well over the \$2200 minimum. We have asked that some of that overage go to support the Dismantling Doctrine of Discovery Coalition.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Troy Risser Song leader: Grant Martin
Childcare: Janet Byler and Cas Byler Sound: Christian Wenger
Greeters: Lois, Lorna, and Katie Troyer

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Vacation

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Doug: Wednesday, Friday

Steve: Friday

Brenda is with family this week in Toronto. She returns to the office on Tuesday July 18.

***We will love as Jesus loves,
pursuing God's peace
at the river and at the table.***

Announcements and other bulletin information can be put in Steven Johns's mailbox, sent to office@bentonchurch.org, or left in the bottom left drawer of the desk in the secretary's office. All information is due by 7 pm, Thursday.

Please send all audio visual materials to soundguys@bentonchurch.org by 8 am, Sunday.

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