

Benton Mennonite Church

September 3 2017 Retreat Sunday

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger Song leader: Brenda Meyer

Sensio Divina

9:25 Silence and reflection

Gathering
BF 22 *I will enter your gates*

Welcome
WB 684 Psalm 104

Prayer
WB 88 *Still, I search for my God*

Poem Wendell Berry

Wandering (See back panel)

Quiet worship in nature

Regathering
WB 46 *I sing the mighty power of God*
Sharing our reflections

Offering our tokens

Birthday recognition
Sharing our needs and joys
Prayer
Announcements
Blessing

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

Next Sunday

We resume our school year schedule.

- ✝ 9:30am, Worship. Doug begins our sermon series *The Land is Mine* with “Land as Source and Blessing” based on Genesis 2.
- ✝ 11am, Sunday school
- ✝ 12noon, Fellowship meal

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed
Childcare: Bruce Nofziger and Barb Meyer-Reed
Greeters: Dee Swartz and Marian Miller Sound: Troy Risser

Attendance for Sunday August 27 2017

Total: 84
Visitors: 18

Offering for Sunday August 20 2017

Received: \$2,411
Weekly needed: \$2,991
Difference: (\$580)

Offering for Sunday August 27

Received: \$2,686
Weekly needed: \$2,959
Difference: (\$273)
YTD received: \$158,046
YTD needed: \$155,500
Difference: \$2,546

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday, Friday
Doug: Friday
Steve: Friday

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.

Sensio Divina:

Using your senses to deepen awareness of the divine Presence

Preparation

Find a spot in creation where you can sit comfortably for a time.
Take a number of mindful breaths and come to the present moment.
Let any tension you carry leave your body.
During what follows, allow distractions that arise simply fall away.
Carry out the exercise with lightness and wonder and move at your own pace through the stages.
Approach and begin with humility...

Sensing

Observe the overview (rather than the detail) to begin with.
Be inquisitive; use as many senses as you can. Notice first impressions.
Begin to see yourself not as an observer, but as a participant.
Gradually shift your awareness from the overview to the detail.
Take time. Allow your curiosity to rest where it wants. Savor the detail.
Notice any feelings and emotions that are evoked.

Reflection

What detail — piece of creation, creature, or earth process — caught your attention?
Where does this piece/part of the natural world touch or intersect with your life experience?

Contemplation

From what I have heard and experienced, what is God inviting me to think about? How am I being invited to change?
What is being said to you? Let your heart speak in response.
Rest in God's presence and embrace.

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

