

# Benton Mennonite Church

April 15 2018

Worship leader: Casandra Byler      Speaker: Doug Kaufman  
Song leader: Zachary Bowman Cooke      Peace prayer: Elaina Youngberg  
Childcare: Rich Meyer and Barb Meyer-Reed

## Great meals of the Bible

9:25      Silence and reflection

Gathering: HWB 25      *Jesus, stand among us*

Peace prayer

Call to worship

Invocation

HWB 414      *God, who stretched*  
SJ 88      *Hallelujah! We sing your praises!*

Scripture      Mark 9:33-37

Offering

HWB 161      *We give thanks unto you*

Scripture      Genesis 18:1-15

Children dismissed to childcare and activity table

Sermon      *Playing host to God: Abraham & Sarah & divine visitors*

Response: HWB 371      *Let there be light*

Moment in mission      March for Our Lives

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending: SJ 74      *Now go in peace*

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

## Today

✝ **DiscipleShip** decided to make some changes in our Grand Second Hour Experiment. We thought the transition time made for too much transition! So there will be no snack or song in the sanctuary before we leave for our classes.

✝ 15-minute break after worship

✝ Break into 4 all-ages groups; you choose your location

- Bible Study: Brenda Meyer, Questers/105
- Spiritual Review: self-led, Agape/114
- Movement and games: Martha Wenger, old foyer
- Lunch preparation: Lois Troyer, fellowship hall
- New Special: "Who cares about climate change?": Doug Kaufman, Pilgrims/113

✝ Preschoolers class: Rich Meyer, Preschool/017

✝ **12 noon, Fellowship meal.** Everyone welcome.

*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, 6pm*, Benton at Greencroft

✝ *Saturday, 9am*, Rain Garden Planting at Goldenrod Middlebury with Elkhart WATER

## Next Sunday

✝ Doug will preach on "Feast for complaining customers: Manna in the desert" based on Exodus 16.

✝ Noon fellowship meal, hosted by N-Z.

## Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Casandra Byler      Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Children's focus: John Buschert      Sound: Troy Risser

Childcare: Janet Byler and Ruth Mischler

Greeters: Urbane and Janet Byler

***Attendance for Sunday, April 8 2018***

Total: 56

Visitors: 2

***Offering for Sunday, April 8 2018***

Received: \$6,650

Weekly needed: \$3,000

*Difference: \$3,650*

YTD received: \$42,382

YTD needed: \$42,000

*Difference: \$382*

***Staff hours for this week***

*Brenda:* Wednesday

*Doug:* Friday

*Steve:* Friday

Doug is in Atlanta this afternoon until Tuesday for his pastor-theologian cooperative.

Brenda will be on vacation Thursday and Friday this week.

Announcements and other bulletin information can be put in Steven Johns's mailbox, sent to [office@bentonchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:soundguys@bentonchurch.org) by 8 am, Sunday.

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

