

Benton Mennonite Church

August 25 2019

Worship leader: Bruce Nofziger
Speaker: Doug Kaufman
Song leader: Rachel Yoder Penner
Scripture reader: Mary Grove
Children's focus: Jennifer Youngberg

The prophet Jeremiah: reality, grief, hope

9:55 Silence and reflection

HWB 324 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*
Peace prayer

Welcome
Call to worship

HWB 545 *Be thou my vision*
BF 68 *Slowly turning ever turning*

Offering

Children's focus

Litany of confession and assurance of forgiveness

Scripture Jeremiah:29 1, 4-14
Children dismissed to childcare and activity table
Message *Pessimistic hope*
Song of response

Sharing and prayer
Introductions and announcements

BF 65 *May the blessing of God go before you*

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.

Today

- **11:45am, Congregational meal**
- **1pm, Congregational meeting**

This Week

- **Tuesday, 7pm, Pastoral Team**
- **Friday, 6:30pm, Hotdog Roast** at Retreat, Amigo Centre. Bring a dish to share. Logs are available for seating but you may want to bring a lawn chair. Let Mary Grove know if you plan to come.

Next Sunday

- Congregational retreat at Amigo Centre, Sturgis, MI, Friday 6:30 pm to Sunday noon.
- All are welcome to the 11am worship at Amigo Centre, even if you are not part of the rest of the retreat.
- No worship service in the church building.

September 8

Second-hour classes resume. Classes are being planned for children from age 2 through high school. Adult options include:

- **Wired Word** – lessons that arrive each week by email, inviting examination of a current news story in the light of faith and scripture. Teacher: Helene Hoover
- **Bible Study** – “Responding to God’s Grace. Take a quarter from the table in the north classroom if you want to prepare ahead. Teacher: Dave Miller
- **Quiet room** – a room dedicated to silence for those who want to read/pray/meditate.
- **College and 20-somethings** – looking at topics of interest to participants. Teachers: Barb Meyer-Reed and Bruce Nofziger
- **Sermon discussion+** – an informal gathering for conversation in the commons
- **Kitchen fellowship** – Conversation and meal preparation.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Casandra Byler **Song leader:** Lyn Buschert

Sound: Lane Meyer-Reed

Greeters: Lorna and Katie Troyer

Attendance for Sunday August 18

Total: 69; Visitors: 6

Offering for Sunday August 18

Received: \$1,324

Weekly needed: \$3,000

Difference: (\$1,676)

YTD received: \$101,005

YTD needed: \$99,000

Difference: \$2,005

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday, Friday

Doug: Tuesday, Friday

Steve: Friday

Tonight at 5pm Doug is preaching at Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen, on river stewardship.

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 7pm, Thursday.

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



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

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