

Benton Mennonite Church

September 8 2019

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum **Speaker:** Doug Kaufman

Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Children's focus: John Buschert

Childcare: Suzanne Mahaja and Rich Meyer

Communion forming the people of God

9:25 Silence and reflection

Gathering song

Peace prayer

Welcome and invocation

Call to worship

SJ 16 *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

BF 75 *I will stand in the congregation*

Offering

Children's focus

Scripture Colossians 1:15-20

BF 105 *One body, one bread*

Scripture I Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:12-14

Children dismissed to childcare and activity table

Sermon

Response Sharing the bread

Birthday recognition

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Blessing for teachers and learners

Sending

Today

- We begin a series on “Communion forming the people of God” where we explore how communion practices shape us as a community and as individuals in relationship to God. What kind of people does communion shape us to be? Who is included in communion? What does communion communicate about our relationship with God? Most Sundays we will share bread together and some Sundays we will share a full communion.

• 11am, Second hour

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade will gather in the old (east) foyer; others go directly to the listed classroom.

- 2 – 4 year olds, Rich Meyer, Room 017, Center basement
 - Kindergarten through Grade 6, Ashley Fecher/Brenda Meyer, Room 013, South basement
 - *Youth are welcome to attend an adult class.*
 - College and 20-something, Barb Meyer-Reed, Bruce Nofziger, and Gloria Showalter, Room 003, North basement
 - R³, Sermon discussion, Commons
 - Wired Word, Helene Hoover, Room 113
 - Adult Bible Study, Dave Miller, Room 105
 - Quiet space (meditation/reading), Prayer room, Room 114
 - Meal preparation, Fellowship Hall
- **12noon, 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.

Next Sunday

- Brenda will preach on “Communion with God’ connected with John 15:1-11.
- Fellowship meal, hosted by H-M.

This Week

- **Wednesday, 9:30am, Friendship Circle / Mennonite Women Sewing**

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Kate Friesen **Song leader:** Scot Kempf
Sound: Christian Wenger
Childcare: Beka Youngberg and Dee Swartz
Greeters: Lorna and Katie Troyer

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday, Friday

Doug: Friday

Steve: Friday

Today to Thursday Doug will be in Oregon leading his fifth pastoral retreat called “Who Cares about Climate Change? Pastoral Response to Denial and Despair.”

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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