

Benton Mennonite Church

February 23 2020 *Conference Sunday*

Worship leader: Suzanne Mahaja **Monologue:** Doug Kaufman
Song leader: Lyn Buschert **Delegate:** Sunday Mahaja
Children's focus: Ruth Mischler
Childcare: Cas Byler, Susana Stinson, and Luke Yoder Penner

9:25 Silence and reflection

Gathering. SJ 4 *You've got a place at the welcome table*
Lighting of Peace lamp
Welcome and Introduction to Conference Sunday
Call to worship/Opening prayers

HWB 12 *Come, let us all unite to sing*
SJ 16 *Praise with joy the world's creator*

Offering

Congregations delegate story

Children's focus

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22

BF 75 I will stand in the congregation

Children dismissed to childcare and activity table
Historical monologue
Song of response

Communion

Congregational prayer
Benediction
Sending song

SJ = Sing the Journey (Green) | **HWB** = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue)
BF = Blue Folder

Today

- **Conference Sunday**, recognizing our relationship with Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. The John F Funk monologue by Doug was written by Veronica Weirich Berkey.
- **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, Room 013, South basement
 - Seventh–Eighth Grade, Karen Hoover/ Lyn Buschert, Room 012, 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
 - Video and conversation about Indiana-Michigan Conference, Brenda Meyer, Sanctuary
 - Quiet space (meditation/reading), Prayer room, Room 114
 - Meal preparation, Fellowship Hall
- **12noon, Fellowship meal**, Potato bar, hosted by all who will. 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

- **Shrove Tuesday, 6:30 pm**, Come for pancakes, poetry and pancake races. Food signup on bulletin board. Bring a poem to share. Everyone who wants to race must wear traditional housewife dress: long skirt, apron, and head covering

Next Sunday

- First Sunday of Lent with the theme “Show Us”
- Brenda will preach on “Show us your hiding place in the thick of temptation” connected with Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Psalm 32..
- Fellowship meal, hosted by A-H.

Upcoming Event

- **Sunday, March 8**, Congregational meeting.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Kate Friesen **Song leader:** Scott Kempf
Childcare: Barb Meyer-Reed and Elaina Youngberg
Greeters: Marian Miller and Dee Swartz

Attendance for Sunday February 16

Total: 72

Visitors: 4

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday, Friday

Doug: Tuesday, 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 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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