

Benton Mennonite Church

March 15 2020 *Third Sunday of Lent*

Today

- No services.

Next Sunday

- Our plan is to have an abbreviated worship service at 9:30am via Zoom video conferencing. This will include some worship elements, a sermon, and a time of sharing and prayer. We will send links to regular participants.
- Doug is scheduled to preach on “Show us, Jesus, how you heal blindness,” connected to John 9:1-41; Ephesians 5:8-14; 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23.
- No fellowship meal.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum **Song leader:** Lyn Buschert

Fellowship Meal Hosts

No fellowship meals until further notice.

Announcement

Due to the public health crisis of Covid-19 the officers of BMC have decided (in consultation with Dr Lane Meyer-Reed) that Benton will not have worship services this Sunday, March 15. This will likely be the case for several weeks to come – we will keep you informed.

We are doing this out of an understanding that the virus is among us, and that limiting group gatherings is one of the best ways we can help protect the most vulnerable in our community. For many this virus will be a mere inconvenience, but for some it will be fatal.

We are working on ways that we can stay connected during this time:

- **PRAY:** for each other, for health-care workers, for those in positions of decision-making, and for those who are especially

vulnerable because of age, health, or not having adequate housing or health care.

- **CHECK IN** by phone or other electronic means: Communicate to friends and those who usually sit next to you in the pew, or to let someone know what you need. Send a few sentences of update on your life or your prayer requests to the pastors to be included in the weekly announcement sheet.

- **WORSHIP BY ZOOM:** we are working on this option and hope to be able to send out a link before Sunday, so those who wish can hear from our guest speaker Bishop Kateti from Tanzania.

Feel free to contact Doug or Brenda with concerns, questions, or more ideas for staying connected.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Attendance for Sunday March 8

Total: 65

Visitors: 4

Please remember in prayer...

Anders Detweiler, recovering from emergency hernia surgery, and his family caring for him.

Arleta Kilmer as she awaits a date for valve-replacement surgery in Indianapolis.

Anita Martin's college friends whose graduation plans have been interrupted by travel restrictions.

Ron Kennel, our congregational coach, who is undergoing therapy for severe back pain and is seeking a diagnosis for fatigue.

Health-care workers, those in positions of decision-making, and those who are especially vulnerable to the corona virus because of age, health, or not having adequate housing or healthcare.

East Goshen Mennonite, Goshen IN, giving thanks for their recent Covenant Renewal Sunday and as they work to build their capacity for loving and engaged conversations across differences of opinion, belief, and practice. **Naomi Yoder, Merle Hostetler**, pastors.

Happy Birthday

Monday, 16, **Roger Hooley**
Saturday, 21, **Patty Nofziger**

Offering

Sunday March 8

Received: \$2,207
Weekly needed: \$2,827
Difference: (\$620)

YTD received: \$27,780
YTD needed: \$28,270
Difference: (\$490)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$15,321
Total received: \$117,448

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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