

# Benton Mennonite Church

March 8 2020 *Second Sunday of Lent*

**Worship leader:** Kate Friesen      **Speaker:** Doug Kaufman

**Song leader:** Scott Kempf

**Children's focus:** Jennifer Youngberg

**Childcare:** Suzanne Mahaja and John or Ruth Mischler

## *Show us the extent of your faithful, loving presence*

9:25            Silence and reflection

SJ 2            *Hamba Nathi* (Come, Walk with Us)

Peace prayer

Welcome

Call to worship

BF 2            *Jesus, be the center*

BF 18          *All you nations, praise God's name*

Offering

Confession and assurance of pardon

HWB 327      *Great is thy faithfulness*

HWB 299      *New Earth, Heavens New*

Scripture      Genesis 12:1-4a  
                  John 3:1-17

Children's focus

*Children dismissed to childcare and activity table*

Message      *Grasping the New*

Response ritual

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

SJ 91            *Like a mother who has borne us*

## Today

### • 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
  - 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
  - R<sup>3</sup>, 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, Congregational meal.** Everyone welcome.
- **1pm, Congregational meeting** to consider and possibly approve next steps in developing building plans. There will also be an update on communion and membership.

*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

- **Tuesday, 7pm, Church board at Buschert's**
- **Wednesday, 9:30am, Friendship circle / Mennonite Women Sewing**
- **Thursday, 7pm, Pastoral Team at Brenda's**

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

BF = Blue Folder | PP = PowerPoint | SS = Song Sheet

## Next Sunday

- Rwanga Chris Kateti, Bishop of the Shirati Diocese of the Tanzania Mennonite Church, will be our guest preacher.
- Leaders of Sunrise Goshen, a youth climate activist movement, will share about their group to all who are interested during second hour..
- Fellowship meal, hosted by I-P.

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Jerrol Shaum      **Song leader:** Lyn Buschert  
**Children's focus:** Johns Buschert      **Childcare:** Beka Youngberg,  
Dee Swartz, and Rachel Versluis or Neil Detweiler  
**Greeters:** Marian Miller and Dee Swartz

### *Staff hours for this week*

*Brenda:* Wednesday, Friday

*Doug:* Tuesday, Friday

*Steve:* Friday

On Saturday Doug Kaufman, John Buschert, Pat Baer, and Bruce Nofziger will attend the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference regional meeting at East Goshen Mennonite Church.

*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 7pm, Thursday.*

*Please send all audio visual materials to [soundguys@bentonchurch.org](mailto:soundguys@bentonchurch.org) by 8am, Sunday.*



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Sermons available at: [sermon.bentonchurch.org](http://sermon.bentonchurch.org)

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

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