

Benton Mennonite Church

August 30 2020

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum **Song leader:** Lyn Buschert
Preacher: Doug Kaufman **Children's focus:** Mary Ann Weber
Peace prayer: Barb Meyer-Reed **Reader:** Jacob Kaufman

Today

- 9:10am: For young children, Rich will host a Zoom check-in. Families will receive a link.
- 9:30am: Worship through Zoom. Follow the invitation found in the email. Contact Doug for assistance.
- 1pm: Congregational meeting via Zoom.

Order of worship

Welcome and invocation

Call to worship

BF 58 *Praise your Maker, Hallelujah*

Children's focus

Scripture Colossians 1:15-23

Song *Earth is full of wit and wisdom*

Scripture Proverbs 8:22-31

Sermon *Mother Earth Wisdom*

Response song *Come and seek the ways of Wisdom*

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Closing song *May the blessing*

Breakout rooms

Next Sunday

- Worship will include a Forest Church element, time to be outside, if possible, and reflect.
- Worship leader: Ruth Mischler Song Leader: Lyn Buschert
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Announcements

Here at Benton

Rachel Yoder Penner and Urbane and Janet Byler will be received as members soon. If anyone else would like to consider membership please talk to one of the pastors.

Thank you for your continuing support of the work of the church. You can send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

From the pastor - Brenda:

I had a dream last week that I was at a backpacking cabin, where people were resting and restocking their supplies. I wasn't part of any group; I knew I would be hiking alone and needed to pack wisely. I thought: "I've done this before. I know what works for me. I can do this!" But another thought kept frustrating me: "If I just knew where I was going... How am I supposed to pack when I have no idea what kind of trail I'll be on?"

It has become a cliché that we are living in "unprecedented times." Life has changed drastically in ways we would never have imagined one year ago, and the future is called into question nearly every day by one crisis or another. How can we prepare for an unprecedented future?

Reflecting on the dream, I realize I do know a lot already. One thing I know is that I want to feed on love and not on fear. I want to see the big picture of justice for the earth and all creatures, and not just cling to what I thought was mine. How do I start now to pack my bag with food that nourishes compassion, with binoculars that can search for justice? Do I have a compass that helps me see what direction I'm headed? A water filter that filters out the fear in my own language and others' so I can take in more truth and less contamination? This kind of thinking, in itself, helps me feel less panicky, more grateful to be alive and able to hike.

The pastors are not keeping regular office hours. Feel free to call with pastoral care concerns, prayer requests, personal updates, and announcements. Steve Johns is in the office on Fridays.

Offering, August 23 2020

Hungry World Farm Offering: \$1,425

General Offering: \$2,545

Weekly expected: \$2,827

Difference: (\$282)

YTD received: \$92,573

YTD expected: \$96,118

Difference: (\$3,545)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$34,541

Total received: \$136,668

Estimated attendance for August 23: 62

*Announcements can be sent to office@bentonchurch.org or called into the office.
All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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

