

Benton Mennonite Church

September 13 2020

Worship leader: Ruth Mischler
Preacher: Doug Kaufman

Song leader: Lyn Buschert
Children's focus: Rich Meyer

Today

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

Order of worship

Welcome

Peace prayer

Opening songs *Praise with joy the world's creator*

Children focus

Scripture Genesis 2: 10-14

Sermon *River from God*

Song of response *Morning has broken*

Sharing

16th-birthday recognition *The care the eagle gives her young*

Announcements

Sending song *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Breakout groups

Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on "River of Injustice" connected with Exodus 1:22, 7:14-24.
- Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum Song Leader: Lyn Buschert
- Children's focus: Mary Ann Weber

Announcements

Here at Benton

To follow new Zoom policies, our worship service Zoom link now has a passcode. Most people will not notice a difference because it is embedded in the link. But those who join by phone will need to enter the passcode in addition to the meeting ID. Contact Doug if you cannot find the code.

Consider joining Doug and Brenda for a series of webinars this fall on confronting racism in our society and church co-sponsored by Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference and College Mennonite Church. The webinars will feature Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, Inter-cultural Competence and Undoing Racism coordinator from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The webinars are free but you need to register on the IMMC webpage:

<https://im.mennonite.net/anti-racism-page/>. A week before each webinar you will be sent 30-60 minutes worth of preparatory work. Please let Brenda know if you register – participants from BMC may meet between webinars.

Tuesdays September 15, October 13, November 10, and December 8, all at 7pm

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:

What a week. My sister talks about the unusual heat in Oakland combined with smoky skies that makes it hard to breathe. My daughter tells me how in Denver they had 100 degrees and then snow within 24 hours. My brother in Oregon starts an online fundraiser for good friends who lost their home and everything in it to a fire. Doc Lehman dies in a bicycle accident, which brings up my grief and anger over other untimely deaths in my circle in the past several years. Political mayhem – attacks and counter-attacks, uncovered lies. Some days I feel like going to bed and pulling the covers over my head, and not getting up.

Family systems would say that we are living in a system that is very very anxious. Family systems has a prescription for high anxiety. It is to root ourselves deep, to take stock of who we are and what is ours to do, and then try as best we can to live in that no matter the pressures and messages that swarm around us. Part of that rooting may actually take the form of hibernation, going "under

the covers” to make space for the fear and grief and sadness that are so big a part of our reality. Out of that reality we can also root ourselves in one or two things that we know and believe. What’s most important to me? What is most important to me today? None of us individually can fix or control the big picture, but in God’s economy each of us is a small piece of the puzzle. Family systems is adamant that each individual changes the system for better or for worse. Our rooted responses, our beliefs and actions, matter.

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, September 6 2020

Weekly received: \$1,170

Weekly expected: \$2,827

Difference: (\$1,657)

YTD received: \$100,298

YTD expected: \$101,772

Difference: (\$1,474)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$35,441

Total received: \$137,568

Estimated attendance for September 6: 65

*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.***

The logo for Benton Mennonite Church features the name "Benton Mennonite Church" in a dark blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic consisting of three overlapping, curved lines in shades of blue, resembling a wave or a ribbon.

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