

# Benton Mennonite Church

September 27 2020

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler  
**Preacher:** Brenda Meyer

**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert  
**Children's focus:** Ruth Mischler

## Today

- 9am: Brenda will host a 25-minute Sunday school for children in grades 1-5. Families will receive a Zoom link.
- 9am: For young children, Rich will host a Zoom check-in. Families will receive a Zoom 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 song      *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Children's focus

Sermon      *Sea of Deliverance*

Song of response      *In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*

Sharing

Prayer

Announcements

Sending song      *Day by day*

Breakout rooms

## Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on "Crossing the River" connected with Joshua 3.
- 11:15am, Orientation to BMC for new attenders (same zoom link as worship)
- Worship leader: Ruth Mischler      Song Leader: Lyn Buschert

### *This week*

Tuesday, 7pm, Pastoral Team

### *Upcoming event*

Sunday December 6, 1pm, Congregational meeting

## Announcements

### *Here at Benton*

**From Mennonite World Conference:** "Thank you! Your church's recent contribution of \$500 supports the core ministries of MWC. Your church's support ... strengthens the capacity of each MWC member church and its leaders, serving as one body in the Kingdom of our God."

**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 - Doug:*

This week the Church Board reviewed our reopening plans with Lane Meyer-Reed. The individual positivity rate for Elkhart County was under 10% for more than a week but then went up again. We had said we would wait until it was under 10% for two weeks before considering reopening in person worship. We talked more about just how low the individual positivity rate should be for reopening worship safely. Some other organizations have set under 5% as their guideline. The local rate has hovered around 10% for some time and Lane reported that the hospital does not currently have many cases. It may be too early to tell, but reopening schools does not seem to have created a big jump in cases.

We recognize that some of us very much want to start meeting in person and that some of us are quite happy with Zoom. Zoom has worked well for us and does not hinder our ministry as much as some other ministries and businesses have been affected by COVID-19. When we do meet in person again, we will have limitations in how we meet, needing to wear masks and socially distance. We will continue to offer Zoom for those most vulnerable to infection.

The next board meeting to review reopening is at the end of October. Talk to one of us if you have any questions or

considerations for us. The board members are Roger Hooley, John Buschert, Helene Hoover, Brenda Meyer, and myself.

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.

Doug is on vacation this weekend and will return on Tuesday.

### ***Offering, September 20 2020***

Weekly received: \$3,150  
Weekly expected: \$2,827  
Difference: \$323

YTD received: \$108,915  
YTD expected: \$107,426  
Difference: \$1,489

### **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$42,611  
Total received: \$144,738

**Estimated attendance** for September 20: 76

*Announcements can be sent to [office@bentonchurch.org](mailto: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.*

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