

Benton Mennonite Church

October 18 2020

Worship leader: Kate Friesen **Song leader:** Lyn Buschert
Preacher: Doug Kaufman **Children's focus:** Jennifer Youngberg
Scripture readers: Kate Friesen and Scott Kempf

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

Peace Prayer

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening song *I sing the mighty power of God*

Call to Worship

Scripture Ezekiel 1:2-5, 10-14, 22, 26-28, 3:1-4

Message *River visions*

Song of response *Shall we gather at the river*

Four-year-old recognition for Owen Gerig Meyer

Sharing and prayer

Announcements

Sending song *Heart with loving heart united*

Breakout rooms

Next Sunday

- Service of lament, recognizing personal, social and natural griefs we may each be experiencing during these challenging times. As part of the ritual we will be invited to write laments on

a small piece of paper and to bury it with a stone on top of the spot. So have paper, pen, stone, and a place in mind to bury it.

- Worship leader: Barb Meyer-Reed Song Leader: Lyn Buschert
- Children's focus: Brenda Meyer Ritual: Doug Kaufman

Announcements

Here at Benton

Children's Focus is returning to our previous practice of the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We appreciate the work of children's focus leaders and are happy that we have Sunday school for children again. Let WorShip (Lyn Buschert, Jerrol Shaum, Doug Kaufman) know if you have any comments.

StewardShip reminds people that pledges and budget requests are due by October 21. Please submit them to Jonny at treasurer@bentonchurch.org or you can text pledges to 574 202-3963.

Student Aid for attending a Mennonite school is available to Benton participants. If you are planning or considering attending Bethany Christian School, a Mennonite college or seminary full time next year (anytime during 2021) we offer financial support that the school matches. Please let Pat Baer know by Oct 21st so it can be budgeted. Call or text Pat 574 238-7240 or if you have questions.

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:

Two weeks ago I pondered the line from Jesus' prayer "Deliver us from evil." One thing that strikes me in that prayer is its communal nature. Evil takes root in systems, what the Bible calls "powers", which seduce people to think that evil is necessary and good. Those systems trap those who are "good" as well as those who are "bad" – we all need deliverance! In last Sunday's story Naaman, the "bad" enemy warrior, is the one who allows his suffering and fear to turn him from the work of war and domination to a search for healing. His search turns upside down his relationship with himself, his family, and an enemy nation, and opens up new possibilities for God's healing at all those levels!

During the time of upheaval we're living in, it can be tempting to minimize the suffering to just make it through. What if we let the

suffering go deep enough to turn us from business as usual to a more intense search for healing? What if we start praying passionately for God's deliverance? Whether we begin searching for our own physical or emotional healing, or healing of family relationships, or concern for the community and nation, God's healing will eventually touch all.

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.

Today after worship Doug will be teaching a Sunday school on climate change at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen.

Doug will be on vacation from this afternoon until Wednesday.

Offering, October 11 2020

Amigo Centre support: \$800

Weekly received: \$5,545

YTD received: \$118,980

Weekly expected: \$2,827

YTD expected: \$115,907

Difference: \$2,718

Difference: \$3,073

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$48,516

Total received: \$150,643

Estimated attendance for October 11: 64

*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.***

