

Benton Mennonite Church

November 15 2020

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger
Scripture reader: Doug Kaufman

Song leader: Lyn Buschert

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

Call to worship

Song *My life flows on*

Prayer of thanksgiving

River thoughts Sunday Mahaja

Song

River thoughts Lyn Buschert

Scripture Psalm 46

River thoughts Dave Baer

Song

Sharing from Lyn and Susana

Thanksgiving offering preview: MCC with Les Gustafson-Zook

Sharing

Announcements

Sending song *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Benediction

Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on “The River of Life for the Nations” connected with Revelation 22:1-5.

- Thanksgiving offering to support Emerge Ministries, housing for women and children, and the COVID-19 response of Mennonite Central Committee.
- 11am, Welcome Statement Conversation: Explore what it means for us to adopt the welcome statement recommended by the pastoral team for our December 6 congregational meeting: “Believing that the image of God is found in every person, we commit ourselves to welcome as full participants in our congregational life people of any age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and ability. This commitment means increasing our awareness of power and privilege as we stretch ourselves to become more inclusive and loving in all our relationships. Feel free to send Doug questions in advance, if you have any..”
- Worship leader: Ruth Mischler Song Leader: Lyn Buschert
- Children’s focus: Rachel Versluis

This week

Tuesday, 7pm, Church Board via Zoom.

Announcements

Here at Benton

A day in the life of Kelby Youngberg, on location in Alaska Service Adventure:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djX9e-XjEwU&feature=youtu.be>

Where do our offerings go? Attached to this email is a document with proposed outside giving for 2021, along with short explanations for lines that have changed from last year. The board welcomes your questions and feedback. Call or email Doug, Brenda, John Buschert, Roger Hooley or Helene Hoover before Tuesday evening.

MennoMedia has a new adult Sunday school curriculum modeled on the universal lesson Bible studies, but with Anabaptist writers and themes. If you are interested in doing a study on your own, with a study partner, or organizing an on-line class for the spring quarter, DiscipleShip would like to know in the next month so we can order the materials. Contact Brenda or Jennifer Youngberg to sign up.

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:

Our mental health is challenged right now. Barb reminded us last Sunday that systems of support will break down during a pandemic, and that means we will accomplish less. Acknowledging the anxiety, fear, and grief inside and around us also takes energy. We need to give ourselves and each other grace and flexibility.

This week I was encouraged to hear about what some friends are doing for their mental health. One is putting a new table by the window so she can bring plants in from outside and tend them through the winter. One is setting her alarm 20 minutes earlier so she can lie in bed under a “happy lamp” and listen to a guided meditation before starting work. One (almost 90 years old) discovered that her insurance covers a regular phone therapy session*. I am trying to exercise more regularly and give myself breaks during the day to breathe and pray. Sometimes the tears come. I cry on behalf of myself and all those who are suffering – and often get up feeling more able to focus on what’s next. I hope you are finding ways to connect with yourself and others and the Spirit of love to sustain you during this time.

(*The church sharing fund may help in cases where insurance does not cover.).

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.

Estimated attendance for November 8: 61

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.*

