

# Benton Mennonite Church

July 4 2021 *Peace Sunday*

**Worship leader:** Dee Swartz

**Faith story:** Brenda Meyer

**Song leader:** Scott Kempf

**Peace prayer:** Grace Leatherman

**Scripture reader:** Ashley Johar

## Order of worship

Call to worship and welcome

Peace prayer

HWB 53 *God of the earth, the sky, the sea*

BF 67 *You are holy*

BF 2 *Jesus, be the center*

Offering

Scripture Philippians 1:3-11, 2:5-13

Faith story

Song of response

BF 60 *In Christ alone*

Communion

VT 48 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Peace offering

Sharing of joys and concerns

Announcements

Sending

HWB 435 *May the Lord, mighty God*

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**HWB** = Hymnal: A Worship Book | **BF** = Blue Folder |

**VT** = Voices Together

## Today

- Beginning today through August there will be no organized childcare for ages 4 and under or activities for age 5 and up during worship. Children (with an adult) are welcome to do quiet activities at the back table, activity backpacks behind the table are available to take to a seat, and parents are welcome to be with children in the downstairs play area or outdoor playground.

- We will celebrate communion. All who wish to participate, including children, are welcome. Because of your generous support the Sharing Fund is well-stocked, so we will not take up a Sharing fund offering.
- We will collect a Peace offering to be divided between the MCUSA Justice fund and Mennonite Creation Care Network. You may contribute today or during the next two weeks.

## Next Sunday

- Sunday Mahaja, Helene Hoover, and Brenda Meyer will share reflections from the MCUSA Convention.
- Worship leader: Anne Meyer Beyler  
Song Leader: Rachel Yoder Penner

## This week

**Sunday Mahaja is our congregational delegate** to the MCUSA churchwide delegate convention, participating by Zoom. Brenda Meyer and Helene Hoover plan to attend in person in Cincinnati Tuesday through Saturday. Brenda will be a delegate representing the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference.

## Upcoming event

**Friday–Sunday September 3–5, Church Retreat.** Come join us at Camp Amigo this year! Come for relaxation, games, frisbee, hiking, puzzles, balloon animals, water games, food, fellowship, a Saturday night gathering, and church on Sunday. Do you have something to share for the Saturday night gathering? Maybe a joke or skit or song or instrumental or..? This is a great time for children and adults to share something they are practicing or something fun. You'll get a survey by email or in your church mailbox this week. We need numbers to Amigo by the beginning of August. See Donna Risser with any suggestions or questions.

## Announcements

### Here at Benton

**We received a thank you from Cora Brown** at Emerge Ministries in Elkhart for our gift towards their support of women and children experiencing homelessness.

**Today's peace offering will be shared** between the MCUSA Justice Fund and the Mennonite Creation Care Network:

● *Justice Fund*: In the midst of significant social unrest in the United States, Mennonite Church USA has launched this fund to support MCUSA churches that are active in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing or combating poverty. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/the-justice-fund/>.

● *Mennonite Creation Care Network*: Your contributions will help us as we develop a land steward internship in partnership with AMBS and Mennonite Men. <https://mennocreationcare.org/about/goals/>.

Brenda and Steve are in the office on Fridays. Contact Brenda by email or on her cell phone.

***Attendance for Sunday June 27 2021***

Total: 57

Visitors: 6

*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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**Douglas D Kaufman** | *on sabbatical*

*Relying on the Spirit,  
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 of three overlapping, curved lines in shades of blue, suggesting a wave or a ribbon.

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