

# Benton Mennonite Church

September 26 2021

**Worship leaders:** Gloria Showalter and Patty Nofziger  
**Speaker:** Doug Kaufman      **Song leader:** Barb Meyer-Reed  
**Children's focus:** Brenda Meyer      **Peace prayer:** Beka Youngberg  
**Scripture reader:** Helene Hoover

## *Who cares about climate change?*

Gathering song

Peace prayer

Welcome

Call to worship

Song

Song

Offering

Children dismissed for children's focus

Confession

Scripture                      Isaiah 6: 9-12; Matthew 13:13-17

Message                      *Why worry? Climate denial*

Response song

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending song

## Today

The children's focus will take place in the old (east) foyer. Preschool-age children will stay there for activities with Rich Meyer and Jacob Kaufman. School-age children are invited to choose a quiet activity at the back of the sanctuary.

## Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on climate justice connected with Exodus 9:13-35.

## *This week*

- Tuesday, 7pm, Pastoral Team.

## Upcoming event

**Sunday October 17, Congregational meeting** following worship.

**Sunday December 5, Congregational meeting.**

## Announcements

### *Here at Benton*

**Please note that your church mailbox** may have moved to a different slot.

It's hard to know when we will begin regular second hour classes again. **If you are interested in having a winter Bible study guide** for your own use, please let Brenda know today.

**The final date for Norwex** (planet-friendly cleaning supplies) orders is Monday, September 27. You can call or text Nancy Graber at 620-877-0372 for a virtual catalog.

**Thank-you letters** were received from:

- *Everence*, for our donation of \$638 for Mennonite Creation Care.
- *Mennonite Church USA*, for our contribution of \$638 for the Justice Fund.

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Patty Nofziger and Gloria Showalter

**Song leader:** Barb Meyer-Reed

**Children's focus:** Brenda Meyer

**Greeters:** Helene Hoover and Esther Kauffman

### *Staff hours for this week*

*Brenda:* Wednesday and Friday

*Doug:* Tuesday and Friday

*Steve:* Friday

This afternoon Doug is preaching via Zoom at Mennonite Community Church, Fresno CA.

## **Offering, September 19 2021**

Received: \$100

Weekly needed: \$2,827

*Difference: (\$2,727)*

YTD received: \$45,795

YTD needed: \$48,059

Difference: (\$2,264)

### **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$20,161

Total received: \$122,288

**Thank you for your continuing support** of the work of the church.

You can bring offerings to in-person worship, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

### **Attendance for Sunday September 19**

Total: 72

Visitors: 4

*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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*Relying on the Spirit,  
we will love as Jesus loves,  
pursuing God's peace  
at the river and  
at the table.*

A large version of the Benton Mennonite Church logo, featuring the name "Benton" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font, with "Mennonite Church" in a smaller, blue sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized blue wave graphic that flows from the top left towards the bottom right.

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