

Benton Mennonite Church

October 3 2021 *Saint Francis Day*

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger

Speaker: Doug Kaufman

Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed

Scripture reader: Mary Grove

Peace prayer: Steve Biggers

Children's focus: Brenda Meyer

Who cares about climate change?

VT 81 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

Peace prayer

Welcome and call to worship

VT 828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

Birthday recognition

Offering

VT 712 *Beauty for Brokenness*

VT 120 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Children's focus

Children dismissed for activities

Exodus 9:22-35

Message *Whose climate disaster? Whose climate justice?*

BF 90 *Spirit of God*

Communion

Sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

SJ 56 *Make me a channel of your peace*

VT = Voices Together | BF = Blue Folder | SJ = Sing the Journey

Today

At the conclusion of the children's focus preschool children will be dismissed for activities in the old (east) foyer. School-age children are invited to find quiet activities at the back of the sanctuary.

Next Sunday

- Brenda will preach on "Coming from Gratitude" connected with Psalm 104 and Exodus 16.

Upcoming events

Sunday October 17, Congregational meeting following worship.

This will be an opportunity to:

- Reflect on what's most important to us about being part of this congregation
- Reflect on what we want to resume or change as we emerge from the disruptions of the past year.
- Decide how to share and spend some of the money that was left unspent last year.

See your email or church mailbox for a detailed agenda.

Sunday December 5, Congregational meeting.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Worship starting time will revert to 9:30am beginning October 17.

Pledge sheets: Please return pledge sheets *by next Sunday, October 10* to the pledge box outside the sanctuary or to Jonny by emailing him at treasurer@bentonchurch.org or texting him at 574-202-3963. There will be a few extra pledge sheets on the table if you need one. They were emailed on September 24.

Student Aid is available for fulltime students at Mennonite schools—elementary through seminary. If you are considering attending yourself or sending your child during 2022, please let Pat Baer know this week. patdavidbaer@gmail.com or 574-238-7240.

All of us are traveling a one-way road and none of us knows just when our exit will be coming up. We can, however, make some good preparations for it. We are offering a six-session **class on end-of-life issues** using a curriculum from Everence. It will begin on **Sunday October 23**, in the sanctuary at 11am. Open to anyone, the discussions will cover topics such as talks with family, choices to be made, dying well, funeral arrangements, and burial options. Dave Miller will be teaching.

Give and take

Twin bed (frame, boxspring, mattress). If you can come get it it's yours! Reach out to petraroses97@gmail.com.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Gloria Showalter and Patty Nofziger

Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed

Children's focus: Neil Detweiler

Greeters: Esther Kauffman and Helene Hoover

Attendance for Sunday September 26

Total: 59

Visitors: 5

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday and Friday

Doug: Tuesday and Thursday

Steve: Friday

On Friday Doug is leading workshops on climate justice, via Zoom, at the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District of the Church of the Brethren.

Announcements can be sent to 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.***

The logo for Benton Mennonite Church features 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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