

Benton Mennonite Church

November 14 2021

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Speaker:** Doug Kaufman
Song leader: Lyn Buschert **Peace prayer:** Jacob Kaufman
Scripture reader: Helene Hoover **Children's focus:** Brenda Meyer

Who cares about climate change?

9:25 Time of silence

Welcome

Gathering song

VT 23 *Come, Walk with Us*

Peace prayer

Call to Worship

Offering

VT 145 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

VT 413 *As Long as We Follow*

Children's focus

Scripture Romans 8:18-28

Sermon *Wild hope*

Response song

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

Sharing and response

Prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending song

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.
- 11am, "End-of-life" conversation: *What to do with my body, choices for burial*. Front of sanctuary and available on the worship Zoom link.

- 11am, Glo Showalter will lead a group of "under-40-ish" interested in conversation about church direction and structure. Basement and available at the zoom link in the bulletin email.
- **Who has skills to share?** Nomination forms were distributed for available leadership positions. Please return your forms today to one of the pastors (in a church mailbox or by email).

Reflection Questions

- If you knew you could not fail, what would you most want to do for the healing of our world?
- What specific goal or project could you realistically aim to achieve in the next twelve months that would contribute to this?
- What step can you take in the next week, no matter how small — making a phone call, sending an email, or scheduling in some reflection time — that will move you toward this goal?

Next Sunday

- Brenda will preach on "Dying to live" connected with Psalm 39:4-7 and John 12:24-26.

This week

- Tuesday, 7pm, Pastoral Team, on Zoom.
- Thursday, 7pm, Board and other leaders, at the church.

Upcoming event

Sunday December 5, Congregational meeting, after worship.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Glo Showalter and Patty Nofziger

Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed **Children's focus:** Rich Meyer

Greeters: Orv and LaJane Yoder

Offering, October 31 and November 7 2021

Received: \$6,063

Expected: \$6,040

Difference: \$23

YTD received: \$131,691

YTD expected: \$135,900

Difference: (\$4,209)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$216,337

Total received: \$392,379

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 November 7

Total: 58; Visitors: 0

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday and Friday

Doug: Tuesday and Friday

Steve: Friday

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.*

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