

Benton Mennonite Church

November 21 2021

Worship leader: Ruth Mischler
Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed
Scripture reader: Donna Risser
Children's focus: Rich Meyer

Speaker: Brenda Meyer
Peace prayer: Janet Byler

Order of worship

Welcome/call to worship

Peace prayer

BF 1 *Praise be to God*

Scripture Psalm 90:1-6; 12-14; John 12:24-26a

BF 10 *Tho' the fig tree should not bloom*

Children's focus

Song VT 670 *In the bulb there is a flower*

Offering

Sermon *Dying to live*

Song of response

VT 81 *All Creatures of our God and King*

Sharing

Announcements

Sending song

VT 652 *Before the Waters Nourished Earth*

BF = Blue Folder | VT = Voices Together

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: *Necessary family conversations*. Discussion to have with family in advance. 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.

Next Sunday

- Advent begins with the theme: Dare to Imagine!
- Doug will preach on "Dare to imagine God's goodness" connected with Luke 21:25-36; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.
- 11am, "End-of-life" conversation: *Making your wishes known*. Living wills, do-not-resuscitate directives, medical power of attorney, funeral plans, etc.

Upcoming event

Sunday December 5, 11am, Congregational meeting. An agenda was sent on Friday and includes approving a new budget and brainstorming in ships about implementing our next theme: Loving as Jesus loves.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Last week Doug Kaufman was interviewed about the Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Summit. You can read about it at https://www.thestatehousefile.com/politics/faith-group-pushes-for-climate-action-with-declaration-to-holcomb-friday/article_8f0c4666-43ef-11ec-8fd9-d3f9c4b9076c.html.

Amigo Centre is asking Benton to help with clearing trails now that the large trees have been removed after the recent storm. Could you give a day sometime during the week of *November 30 to December 4?* See Doug about organizing a Benton group Thursday or Friday.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Glo Showalter and Patty Nofziger

Song leader: Rachel Yoder Penner **Children's focus:** Rich Meyer

Greeters: LaJane and Orv Yoder

Offering, November 14 2021

Received: \$4,766

Expected: \$3,020

Difference: \$1,746

YTD received: \$136,457

YTD expected: \$138,920

Difference: (\$2,463)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$217,662

Total received: \$393,704

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 14

Total: 62

Visitors: 0

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Tuesday and Wednesday

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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