

# Benton Mennonite Church

January 16 2022

## *Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday*

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler     **Speaker:** Hailu Wondafrash  
**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert     **Children's focus:** Rich Meyer  
**Scripture reader:** Donna Risser

### *Following Jesus together*

Welcome

Morning intro

Peace prayer

VT 6     *Let's Walk Together*

MLK moments

VT 391     *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Children's focus

VT 386     One Is the Body

Scripture     1 Corinthians.12:3-13.

Sermon     *Following Jesus together*

Music from Hailu

Sharing

Announcements

Prayer

Sending Song

Breakout rooms

## Today

- We welcome Hailu Wondafrash, an Ethiopian church leader and singer.

## Next Sunday

- We begin a series called "Embracing Authentic Human Expansiveness." Planned by Glo Showalter, Barb Meyer-Reed, and Doug Kaufman, the series explores the diverse ways

people experience gender, sexuality, relationships, and aesthetics, and how society and the church has oppressed and harmed those who do not match the "norm." This helps us put into practice our commitment to "love as Jesus loves" and to welcome people of any gender identity or sexual orientation.

- Glo Showalter and Doug Kaufman will preach on "The Gift of Gender Expansiveness" connected to Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 56:3-5, Matthew 19:12, 22:29-30, Galatians 3:28.
- Brenda Meyer will share her story journeying with her trans daughter Miriam.
- A 45-minute discussion circle will begin at 11:15 via Zoom at the worship link.

## Upcoming event

**Sunday February 27, Congregational meeting** after worship.

## Announcements

### *Here at Benton*

**The board decided to continue Zoom-only Sunday worship** and will review the situation in February. We expect to wait until the county is no longer in the red zone but will also look at hospitalizations.

**Doug's climate change work was shared with the Spanish speaking world** this past week when he was interviewed on Merienda Menonita, a Mennonite Spanish language podcast. If you understand Spanish, you can listen to it here:

<https://anabaptistworld.org/podcast-latest/merienda-menonita-podcast/>

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler  
**Song leader:** Barb Meyer-Reed  
**Children's focus:** Rich Meyer  
**Greeters:** Marian Miller and Dee Swartz

### *Attendance for Sunday January 9 2021*

Total: 63

## **Offering, January 9 2021**

Weekly received: \$625

Weekly expected: \$3,020

*Difference: (\$2,395)*

YTD received: \$1,878

YTD expected: \$6,040

*Difference: (\$4,162)*

### **Building Campaign**

*Correction to last week's numbers.* They should have stated:

2021 received: \$223,038

2022 received: \$177

Total received: \$399,257

**Thank you for your continuing support** of the work of the church. While we are meeting on Zoom, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

### **Staff hours for this week**

*Brenda:* Tuesday and Wednesday

*Doug:* Tuesday and Friday

*Steve:* Friday

*Announcements can be sent to [office@bentonchurch.org](mailto:office@bentonchurch.org).  
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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