

Benton Mennonite Church

September 4 2022 *Retreat Sunday*

Worship leaders: Glo Showalter and Patty Nofziger

Song leader: Lyn Buschert **Scripture reader:** Helene Hoover

Order of worship

8:55am Silence and reflection

9am Worship

Gathering

VT 180 *This Is God's Wondrous World*

Welcome

Worshipping

Excerpts from the Psalms

VT 182 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

VT 120 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Time with nature

Regathering

VT 145 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Song requests

Sharing our reflections and any tokens gathered

Offering

Sharing

Announcements

Blessing

New schedule next Sunday

- 9:30am First hour: options for children and adults
 - Wired Word, led by Helene Hoover, Room 113
 - Bible study, led by Dave Miller, Room 105
 - Circle on using solar income for climate justice, led by Doug
 - Children meet in old foyer, led by Rich/Brenda Meyer
- 10:30am Worship, Chelsea Risser and Phil Chan will speak about their time in Puerto Rico.
- 12n Fellowship meal, hosted by last names A-Ge.

This week

- Tuesday, 7pm, Church Board at Buscherts.

Announcements

Here at Benton

On Friday evening the Sustainability Leadership Semester students at Merry Lea will be at the church building on their canoe trip in to St Joseph MI. Doug will be joining them for part of the trip.

Benton is helping with recycling and compacting at the Relief Sale. We need volunteers to be educated and then to educate others about proper disposal. See Scott Kempf if you'd like to help.

Consider joining the Faith in Place Green Team Summit, online. Keynote speaker is Evangelical climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe. See Doug if you are interested in a watch party.

<https://www.greenteamsummit.org/2022-agenda> **Saturday–Tuesday, September 11–14**

Interested in giving to the Peace Offering but missed it last Sunday? Designated donations can be received until Sunday, September 11. The offering is divided between the Congo Peace - Michael J. Sharp Memorial Fund at MCC and the Mennonite Church USA Justice Fund for those involved in anti-racism and policing issues.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Peace prayer:** LaJane Yoder

Song leader: Rachel Yoder Penner

Scripture reader: Donna Risser **Children's focus:** Ashley Johar

Greeters: Cas Byler and Alfie Stinson

Attendance for Sunday August 28

Total: 62

Visitors: 4

Happy Birthday

Tuesday, 6, **Kat Meyer-Reed**

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Please remember in prayer...

John Buschert's mother now in hospice care.

The mother of Phill and Arleta Kilmer's daughter-in-law having reconstructive facial surgery after a fall.

Urbane Byler's brother John anticipating a new procedure September 15 for his long-term cancer.

All of us as we negotiate perilous times, remembering the prophetic lives we are called to.

Those leading and participating in the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference Annual Fall Gathering this week. May God bless their time together.

Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship, Elkhart IN, as they look forward to jointly hosting a Community Celebration next Sunday and an all-church retreat in October. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be present in each one of our activities. Kevin Yoder, pastor.

Staff hours for this week

Brenda Meyer: Tuesday and Friday

Doug Kaufman: Tuesday and Friday

Steve Johns: Friday

Announcements can be sent to 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.***

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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