

Benton Mennonite Church

February 26 2023 *First Sunday of Lent*

Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Speaker:** Ben Bouwman
Song leader: Rachel Yoder Penner **Peace prayer:** Jerrol Shaum
Children's focus: Anne Meyer Byler
Scripture reader: Donna Risser
Childcare: Ashley Johar and Jane Vendrely

Shaped by Testing

10:30am Worship

Silence and reflection

Welcome

Peace prayer

Call to worship

BF 1 *Praise be to God*

VT 42 *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

Children's focus

Offering

VT 745 *God, Whose Giving*

Confession:

VT 544 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Scripture Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Sermon *Respecting our limitations*

Silence with guiding questions:

1. *Life is full of challenging experiences and testing. Think about an experience of testing in your life. How did you handle the testing?*
2. *What positive effect did this testing have in your life?*
3. *How does this test shape the way you see Jesus?*

Song

Sharing

Announcements

Sending

BF 65 *May the blessing of God go before you*

BF = Blue folder | VT = Voices Together

Today

- ❖ We welcome congregational coach Ben Bouwman, also pastor at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church.
- ❖ 9:30am, First hour options for children and adults:
 - ◇ Wired Word, Room 113
 - ◇ Bible study, Room 105
 - ◇ Children meet in old foyer, led by Rich/Brenda Meyer.
- ❖ 10:30am, Worship.
- ❖ 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by Mer-P.

Next Sunday

- ❖ Doug will preach on “Shaped by new birth” connected with John 3:1-17, Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, Psalm 121.
- ❖ We will celebrate Communion.
- ❖ 1 pm, Congregational meeting to consider:
 - ◇ a recommendation to sell the Erb House to the west of the church,
 - ◇ a recommendation to join the Repair Network of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition.
 - ◇ Plans for pastoral leadership after Brenda's retirement this fall.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Benton will be delivering care packages to about nine college age young adults in early March. There will be cards on a table in the fellowship Hall for you to sign. If you want to contribute items or defray costs, there will be a box and an envelope near the mailboxes. Items will be accepted through Sunday March 5. Talk to Bruce with questions or if you want to help.

Are you interested in studying the Bible and sharing your insights with others in the Anabaptist Community Bible project? Doug Kaufman and Anne Meyer Byler are creating a group to meet four times for this once-every-five-hundred-year opportunity, as part of commemorating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025.

The Benton lift will be removed and out of commission beginning Monday March 6. We will be without handicap accessibility for 3-4 weeks. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler

Song leader: Rachel Yoder Penner **Scripture reader:** Leah Miller

Peace prayer: Beka Youngberg

Childcare: Chelsea Risser and Sabrina Williams

Sound: Bruce Nofziger

Greeters: Jane and Doug Vendrely

Attendance for Sunday February 19

Total: 49

Visitors: 2

Staff hours for this week

Brenda Meyer: Tuesday and Friday

Doug Kaufman: Vacation

Steve Johns: Friday

Doug is on vacation until next Saturday.

Today Doug is preaching at First Mennonite Church, Denver.

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.***



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