

Benton Mennonite Church

May 21 2023 *Memorial Sunday*

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum

Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Scripture reader: Orv Yoder

Speaker: Brenda Meyer

Peace prayer: Amy Williams

No childcare

Order of worship

10:25am Silence and reflection

10:30 Worship

Gathering song

VT 28 *Come, Christian, Join to Sing*

Peace prayer

Welcome and invocation

Call to worship

VT 424 *We Worship God the Rock*

VT 419 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Offering

VT 667 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Scripture Romans 8:14-19, Matthew 5:1-4

Meditation

Remembrances:

Marilyn Heyman, Steve Biggers, Katie Troyer, Mervin Swartzentruber, Urbane Byler, Phill Kilmer

Candle lighting

VT 574 *We Shall Walk through the Valley*

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending song

VT 653 *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God*

Today

- ❖ 9am, First hour options for adults:
 - ❖ No yoga.
 - ❖ Anabaptist Bible study group, led by Barb Meyer-Reed, Room 105
- ❖ 9:30am, First hour for children:
 - ❖ Children meet in old foyer, led by Rich and Brenda Meyer.
- ❖ 10:30am, Worship. During the candle-lighting time you are invited to come forward to light a candle for someone who has died and name them at the microphone if you wish.
- ❖ 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by Gr-Mah.

Next Sunday

- ❖ Pentecost.
- ❖ Doug will preach on “Abilities and disabilities reveal Spirit” connected with Acts 2:1-21, Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34,35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13.
- ❖ Communion and Sharing Fund offering
- ❖ 9:30am, Children’s Sunday school. No adult classes..
- ❖ Fellowship meal hosted by Mer-P.

Upcoming events

- ❖ **Tuesday May 30, 7pm**, at the church. Learn more about a proposed landscape plan with Judy DePew of New Vistas Landscaping.
- ❖ **Sunday June 11, 1 pm, Congregational meeting** to approve a landscaping plan, next steps on the West property, and a new fundraising campaign to retire the outstanding debt and achieve these plans.
- ❖ **Sunday August 13, Worship and lunch: farewell** for Doug and Brenda.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum

Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Peace prayer: LaJane Yoder

Children’s focus: Mary Ann Weber

Scripture reader: Leah Miller

Sound: Lane Meyer-Reed

No Childcare

Greeters: Mary and Stan Grove

Offering, May 14 2023

Received: \$5,030

Weekly expected: \$2,775

Difference: \$2,255

YTD received: \$53,047

YTD expected: \$55,500

Difference: (\$2,453)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$7,112

Total received: \$493,271

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 May 14 2023

Total: 68

Visitors: 5

Staff hours for this week

Brenda Meyer: Tuesday and Friday

Doug Kaufman: Friday

Steve Johns: Friday

This week Doug is leading a "Pastoring for Justice and Healing in a Climate Crisis" retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery, Madison WI. He leaves today and returns Wednesday evening.

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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