

Benton Mennonite Church

March 1 2009

Worship Leader: Jill Kaufman Speaker: Brenda Meyer
Song Leader: Lyn Buschert Stewards: R3
Offertory: Jenny Bustos Special Music: Nathan, Joel, and Rachel Hooley
Reader's Theatre: Jerrol Shaum, Roger Hooley, Dee Swartz
Children's Focus: Donna Risser

We trust God. We give ourselves to God. We believe in God's promise.

Call to worship and invocation

Leader: We gather in this Lenten season to remember, repent, and seek renewal.

People: Creator God, open our minds and hearts to your Spirit and help us to claim your promises.

Leader: You are a God of covenant. We often look around and fear that you have abandoned us; you invite us to look up, and to trust your faithful presence and provision.

People: Forgive us, remind us, renew us. We trust your mysterious ways and rest in your mercy.

STJ 29 *You are all we have*

STJ 16 *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

BF 974 *The river is here*

Reader's Theater (Based on Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15)

WB 553 *I am weak and I need thy strength*

WB 36 *God of our strength*

Children's Focus

Offering

Scripture *Mark 1:9-15*

Sermon *"Here I Am"*

Response

Sharing and prayer

Sending song

Benediction

Leader: God of covenant, you are the one we trust.

All: Our lives are in your hands.

Leader: Send us out as your beloved children, fresh from the waters of the flood and the Jordan.

All: Our lives are in your hands.

Leader: Make us a sign for the world that your promise is true, your reign has come near.

HWB = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue) MH = Mennonite Hymnal (Red)

BF = Blue Folder STJ = Sing the Journey (Green)

Today

✠ ***11 am Sunday School***

- Toddler and Primary (as needed)
- Middlers, Room 013
- Junior MYF, Room 012
- MYF, Room 002
- R3 (young adults), Martin house
- Agape, Room 112, Uniform series
- Open Door, Room 114, Church history
- Pilgrims, Room 113
- Questers, Room 105, Uniform series

Next Sunday

✠ Overseer Ron Kennel will preach on "God blesses for service", based on Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Mark 8:31-38, Romans 4:13-25, Psalm 22:23-31

Worship Team for March 8

Worship Leader – Janelle Martin Children's Focus – John Buschert
Song Leader – Lyn Buschert AV Technician – Bruce Nofziger
Stewards – R3 Greeters – Jonny and Hannah Gerig Meyer

Announcements and other bulletin information can be sent to bulletin@bentonchurch.org or left in the bottom left drawer of the desk in the secretary's office. All information is due by 7:00pm on Thursday.

Attendance for Sunday, February 22 2009

Total: 65

Please remember in prayer...

- ✝ The children in Irma Geaugh's household.
- ✝ Barb Meyer Reed's friend, Julia, who is fighting breast cancer.
- ✝ Mennonite Mission Network Board as it meets today and tomorrow in Harrisburg, Virginia, following participation in the Damascus Road Anti-Racism Training prior to the meeting. Pray that board members will have energy for the tasks at hand.
- ✝ Bluffton University student groups traveling during spring break March 1-8: Camerata Singers in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio; men's baseball and women's softball in Florida; and Habitat for Humanity Bluffton University Chapter in North Carolina.
- ✝ The people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Christian Peacemaker Team completing a three-month exploratory visit to the region reports that armed conflict continues over access to minerals, and so the hopes for peace are fragile.

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God calls us into a community of faith
forms us into disciples
sends us into the world.

