

Benton Mennonite Church

March 15 2009

Worship Leader: Patty Nofziger
Song Leader: Lyn Buschert, Lisa Horst
Scripture Reader: Lori Bustos

Speaker: Doug Kaufman
Stewards: R³
Children's Focus: John Buschert

Opening Words

STJ 29 *You are all we have*

Call to Worship:

L: People of God, do not worship the idols of power, prestige, and money.
Order your lives to reflect God's will and way.

C: Spirit of Truth, guide us as we stumble toward your kingdom.

Clear our distortions, correct our mistakes, and mend our hearts. Amen.

L: Brothers and sisters, we gather today assured of God's guidance and mercy,

C: for God brings order out of chaos, and wisdom out of foolishness.

HWB 366 *God of grace and God of glory*

HWB 110 *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Reader's Theatre (based on Exodus 20; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1)

Prayer of Confession

Children's Time

Offering

HWB 487 *Teach Me, O Lord*

STJ 86 *Taste and See*

Scripture *Psalm 19*

Sermon "God overturns human wisdom"

Song of Response

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction:

Leader: God of heaven and earth,
your perfect teaching inspires us,

All: your Holy Spirit enlightens us,

Leader: your Son Jesus confronts us.

All: Our lives are in your hands.

Leader: Send us into the world you love and we love
as representatives of a crucified love and a living Savior.

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, *Library*
- Junior MYF, *Nursery*
- MYF, *Center basement*
- R³ (young adults), Martin house
- Agape, Room 112, Uniform series
- Open Door, Room 114, Church history
- Pilgrims, Room 113
- Questers, Room 105, Uniform series

✠ The fellowship meal is cancelled because of flooding in the basement.

Next Sunday

✠ Dave Miller will preach on "God restores in the midst of despair," based on Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 107:1-3,17-22.

Worship Team for March 22

Worship Leader – Bruce Nofziger Children's Focus – Mary Ann Weber

Song Leader – Grant Martin AV Technician – Jerry Shaum

Stewards - R³ Greeters – Jonny & Hannah Gerig Meyer

Attendance for Sunday, March 1 2009

Total: 66, Visitors: 1

Please remember in prayer...

- † Maria Byler's cousin, Luke, who may soon be able to go home from the hospital for the first time, at age three months.
- † Anita Martins' classmate who is having a difficult time.
- † Mennonite church agencies who are facing financial cut backs.
- † Robert Weiss, a conscientious objector, who is back in Goshen and hoping to enter college this fall.
- † A straight "A" student of Helene Hoover's who is fighting an addiction problem.
- † A prayer of thanksgiving for our youth and for those who lead them.
- † Mennonite Voluntary Service participants serving in the Hutchinson, Kansas, community: Erica Stoltzfus, attendant at Mennonite Manor and Alex Richert, home technician with Interfaith Housing Services. Pray for strength and wisdom.
- † The Eastern Mennonite University Washington Community Scholars Center as they mentor undergraduate students in life-shaping learning experiences.
- † The family of Philip K. Clemens who died March 1 at his residence in Pandora, Ohio. Phil served on the pastoral team at College Mennonite Church from 1984 to 1995.

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

