

Benton Mennonite Church

April 26 2009 Easter 3

Worship Leader: Dave Miller
Song Leader: Grant Martin
Children's Focus: Donna Risser

Speaker: Doug Kaufman
Stewards: Senior Youth

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: See how the Lord has loved us:

People: God has claimed us like a parent claims a child.

Leader: Trusting, we can sleep through the night;

People: secure, we can worship with integrity.

Leader: When we call, God will answer,

People: so though we tremble, we need not despair.

Leader: Cynics may say that God has turned away,

People: but we know we are held in God's hand.

Opening prayer - HWB 25 *Jesus stand among us*

Songs

HWB 36 *God of our strength*

HWB 283 *Christ who left his home in glory*

Drama

Children's focus

Songs

SJ 32 *If you believe and I believe*

SJ 97 *The Lord is my light*

SJ 61 *How can we be silent (vs. 1 & 5)*

Recognition of college graduates

Scripture *Luke 24:36b-48, 1 John 3:1-7*

Sermon *Preaching Forgiveness of Sins*

Song of response

Offering
Sharing & prayer
Benediction

Survey *Building Finance Committee*

HWB = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue) MH = Mennonite Hymnal (Red)
BF = Blue Folder STJ = Sing the Journey (Green)

Today

- ✠ 8:30 am – Carry-in Breakfast to honor college graduates and their families. The whole congregation is welcome to attend. We honor those Goshen College graduates who have been attending Benton: Laura Stoesz, Laura Harnish, and Bethany Loberg.
- ✠ **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
- ✠ After worship there will be a survey (10-15 minutes) for all Benton participants to complete on the proposed building plan.
- ✠ No noon fellowship meal because of college graduation.
- ✠ The River Stewards water testing announced for today has been postpone to next Sunday.

Next Sunday

- ✠ Rich Meyer will preach on “I know my own,” based on John 10:11-18, Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, and Psalm 23.
- ✠ Noon – fellowship meal
- ✠ 1 pm – River Stewards

Attendance for Sunday, April 19 2009

Total: 71; Visitors: 2

Worship Team for May 3

Worship Leader – Janelle Martin Children’s Focus – John Buschert
Song Leader – Lyn Buschert AV Technician – Bruce Nofziger
Stewards - Agape Greeters – Donna & Chelsea Risser

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.

Please remember in prayer...

- ✝ Matt Rody as he goes from us to a new setting in Colorado.
- ✝ The Mark Gerber family as they mourn his death.
- ✝ The college students attending Benton Mennonite Church who will be graduating and moving on to other areas.
- ✝ Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) as they work with people affected by the recent natural disasters in Arkansas, North Dakota, Minnesota, Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas and parts of Canada. Pray that volunteers and those they assist may feel the presence of God in their lives.
- ✝ Asubpeeschoseewagong (Grassy Narrows First Nation). Their youth are walking to Kenora, raising awareness of the environmental destruction of Mother Earth. The whole community continues to resist logging of their territories without consent, but the Ontario Government issued a logging plan anyway.

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

