

# Benton Mennonite Church

**December 7 2008**

Worship Leader: Bruce Nofziger  
Song Leader: Grant Martin

Speaker: Doug Kaufmann  
Stewards: Jr Youth

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## Pre-service Music and Singing

Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer

*Angels from the realms of glory*

MH 128

*Oh, how joyfully*

HWB 209

Dance

Jill Kaufman

*Calm me, Lord*

Confession

*From the depths of sin*

HWB 136

Scripture

Jonny and Hannah Gerig Meyer

Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

Children's Focus

Mary Ann Weber

*To us a child of hope is born*

HWB 189

*Dona nobis pacem*

HWB 346

Scripture

Psalm 85:1-13

Sermon

Doug Kaufman

"The comforting face of God"

Song of Response

Offering

Offertory by Rachel Hooley

Sharing

*God be with you*

HWB 430

Sending

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## 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, Sermon discussion
- Pilgrims, Room 113
- Questers, Room 105, Uniform series

### † 12 noon - Congregational fellowship meal

### † 1 pm - "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens recited by Galen Johns

## Next Sunday

### † Doug will preach on "Rejoice! God's justice breaks forth," based on John 1:6-8,19-28; Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Psalm 126.

### † No fellowship meal until January 11.

## Worship Team for December 14

Worship Leader - Jill Kaufman      Children's Focus -  
Song Leader - Barb Meyer-Reed      AV Technician - Bruce Nofziger  
Stewards - Jr Youth      Greeters - Sharon & Larry Erb

Announcements and other bulletin information can be sent to [bulletin@bentonchurch.org](mailto: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, November 30 2008*

Total: 63

Visitors: 1

HWB = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue)      MH = Mennonite Hymnal (Red)  
BF = Blue Folder      S&R = Sing & Rejoice (Green)

## Please remember in prayer...

- ✝ Anita Martin's classmate's father in Iraq. Pray for safety for him and those around him, for his family as they await his return, and for the war to end.
- ✝ Those planning for an ecumenical gathering in 2011 to mark the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence.
- ✝ Orv Yoder as he prepares to complete his interim work at Souderton Mennonite Homes in PA, leaves friends, and transitions back to life in Goshen.
- ✝ Dorvin Schlabach as he recuperates from heart surgery.
- ✝ The people of Hebron, Palestine, as hundreds of Israeli settlers continue to illegally occupy a building in the city and terrorize their neighbors despite an Israeli High Court order to vacate.
- ✝ The international students at all Mennonite educational institutions as they face final exams and the holiday season away from their families and homes. Ask God to be near them, to comfort them, and to give them peace.
- ✝ Pray that Mennonite Mission Network workers Julie and Phil Bender will experience God's blessing and encouragement as they seek ways to effectively build relationships with students while teaching English in increasingly large classroom settings at Chongqing Medical University. The Benders serve with Mennonite Partners in China.

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

