

# Benton Mennonite Church

**December 14 2008**

Worship Leader: Jill H Kaufman  
Song Leader: Barb Meyer Reed

Speaker: Doug Kaufman  
Stewards: Jr Youth

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*O come, O come Immanuel* (Congregation sings v. 5) HWB 172  
*Listen God is calling* STJ 42

Call to Worship

Invocation

*I'll praise my maker*

MWB 166

*Awake the night*

MWB 448

Confession

MWB 703

Words of assurance

Offering

Nathan Hooley

Hark, the glad sound

HWB 184

Children's focus

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Isaiah 61:1-4

Sermon

Doug Kaufman

"The restoring face of God"

Song of Response

Giving of Bibles to third graders

Sharing and announcements

Congregational prayer and song

*Take, O take me as I am*

BF 931

Sending

*You shall go out with joy*

HWB 427

## 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

† 9:30 am – Christmas program

† No Sunday School

† 6 pm – Christmas caroling at Greencroft followed by refreshments

## Worship Team for December 21 2008

Worship Leader – Jill Kaufman

Children's Focus -

Song Leader – Barb Meyer Reed

AV Technician – Troy Risser

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, December 7 2008*

Total: 73

Visitors: 2

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

BF = Blue Folder      S&R = Sing & Rejoice (Green)

## Please remember in prayer...

- ✝ Stanley Green, Mennonite Mission Network director, who is experiencing heart complications.
- ✝ Grant Martin's coworker Steve as he looks for work; and for his wife, Nancy, who is facing health concerns.
- ✝ Cora Brown and others at Church Without Walls as they reach out to those in need through Emerge Ministries.
- ✝ Melody Musser, preparing for an internship in Washington DC.
- ✝ Maria Byler's cousin Mariberta and family as they grieve the loss of a premature son; the surviving twin Luke as he recovers from infection and complications.
- ✝ Marilyn Swartzentruber as she recuperates from a fall and is diagnosed with neuropathy in her legs.
- ✝ The Algonquins of Barriere Lake, Quebec. They blockaded the highway again calling on Canada and Quebec to honor the resource sharing agreement signed with them, but police responded with threats and arrests.
- ✝ Mennonite Voluntary Service participant Cari Holliday who serves at ProBAR as a paralegal in Harlingen Texas. Ask the Lord to lead others to join her in this work for immigrant rights.
- ✝ The Mennonite Voluntary Service workers throughout the country as the holiday season has arrived and many have chosen to not travel home for the holidays. Pray that they may find comfort and joy in the communities where they are serving.

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

