

Benton Mennonite Church

December 28 2008

Worship Leader: Dave Miller
Song Leader: Lyn Buschert

Speaker: Calvin Kaufman
Stewards: Jr Youth

The embracing face of God

Welcome
Call to Worship
Prayer

HWB 212 *O come, all ye faithful*
HWB 189 *To us a child of hope is born*
HWB 215 *What child is this*

Confession

HWB 193 *Silent night*

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1 – 62:3
Children's Focus
HWB 213 *Let all together praise our God*
HWB 195 *It came upon a midnight clear*

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
Sermon
Song of response

Calvin Kaufman

Sharing, Payer requests, Announcements
Prayer
Sending song

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

Today

We welcome Calvin Kaufman, former pastor of Benton and current father of Doug, as our guest preacher this morning.

- ‡ **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

Epiphany Sunday

Doug will preach on “The welcoming face of God,” based on Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Upcoming Events

- ‡ Sundays, January 11 to February 22, Sermon series: **“What makes us Mennonite?”**
- ‡ Special Sunday School sessions January 11, 18, February 1, 8 on relationship of baptism and communion to membership
- ‡ Saturday-Sunday, January 24-25, Amish and Mennonites: Common Origins, Divergent Paths with John Roth and Steve Nolt as special guests. See brochure on foyer table or at www.bentonchurch.org. Please register in advance for the Saturday lunch.

Worship Team for January 4 2009

Worship Leader – Dave Miller AV Technician – Jerry Shaum
Song Leader – Brenda Meyer Greeters – Lois and Lorna Troyer
Stewards - Questers

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, December 21 2008

Total: 63

Visitors: 11

Please remember in prayer...

- ✝ Grant's coworker Nancy as she faces continuing health problems.
- ✝ Maria Byler's cousin and family, who have made the difficult decision to remove newborn Luke from life support.
- ✝ Prospective students, whether young or middle-aged, who are considering the possibility of attending Hesston College in the spring semester which begins January 6. Ask God to give them direction as they seek to determine next steps in their lives. Pray that college admissions counselors who are in contact with these prospective students will help them in their discernment process.
- ✝ Rosenda Diarte and Ruben Alvarez, indigenous Toba translators, as they author a booklet to explain the newly-revised translation of the Toba New Testament.
- ✝ Mennonite Mission Network workers Lillian and Norm Nicolson who have returned to the village of Tin in Burkina Faso following a period of language study. Pray for Norm working in the recording studio and for Lillian in Bible translation.

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

