

# Benton Mennonite Church

January 25, 2026

**Worship leader:** Christina Litwiller  
**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner  
**Children's focus:** Lyn Buschert

**Peace prayer:** Janet Byler  
**Reader:** Patty Nofziger  
**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

10:25 Silence and reflection  
10:30 Worship

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Song  
Peace Prayer  
Song  
Song  
Children's Focus  
Offering  
Song  
Scripture: John 3:1-21  
Sermon  
Song of Response  
Sharing and Prayer  
Introductions and Announcements  
Sending Song  
Benediction

## Today

- ❖ 9:30am Wired Word class, Room 113
- ❖ 10:30am Worship
- ❖ 12pm fellowship meal

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Patty Nofziger **Scripture Reader:** Doug Vendrely  
**Song leader:** Barb Meyer-Reed **Peace prayer:** Amy Williams  
**Children's focus:** Ruth Mischler **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick  
**Greeters:** Lorna Troyer **Sound Tech:** Bruce Nofziger

## This week

- ❖ **Tuesday 9:30am** Coffee Talk at the church. This is open to anyone. Come and chat with Pastor Derrick and each other.

## Upcoming events

- ❖ **Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm** at the church.

Pancakes, a pancake race wearing long skirts--for all genders--and poetry reading. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can contribute items for the pancake meal.

## Announcements

- ❖ Pathways Retreat would like a person from each church to learn about what they offer, then share that information to the congregation. If interested, there is a meeting on Friday, Jan. 30, 10am to learn about what they do. Let Patty know if you are interested in being that person from our congregation.
- ❖ You can help Scott and Kate with meals by talking to Jodie or going online to <https://mealtrain.com/8n8gk2>
- ❖ The Campaign is done. Let's plan a party. Anyone interested? Talk to John Buschert
- ❖ We need a group to work with Derrick to propose how to spend about \$10,000 in memorial gifts. Talk to John Buschert.
- ❖ Reparations: Anne Meyer Byler and John Buschert attended the first meeting of the Goshen Reparations Consortium. We need a proposal for how we could contribute to this new initiative. Are you interested? Talk to John Buschert.

## Offering report

**Thank you for your continuing support** of the work of the church. You can bring offerings to in-person worship, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

## Attendance for Sunday, January 18

Total: 47      Visitors: 3

Send bulletin information to [bentonmennooffice@gmail.com](mailto:bentonmennooffice@gmail.com)  
All information is due by Wednesday pm.

### **Staff days for this week**

Derrick Ramer: Monday-Thursday

Patty Nofziger: Monday and Thursday afternoons

### **Welcome Statement**

*Believing that the image of God is found in every person, we commit ourselves to welcoming people of any age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and ability as full participants in our congregational life. This commitment means increasing our awareness of power and privilege as we stretch ourselves to become more inclusive and loving in all our relationships.*



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*Relying on the Spirit,  
we will love as Jesus loves,  
pursuing God's peace  
at the river and  
at the table.*

