

# Benton Mennonite Church

February 1, 2026

**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

10:25 Silence and reflection  
10:30 Worship

Welcome

VT 555 *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 41 *For You, O God, My Soul*

VT 441 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

Children's Focus

Offering

VT 49 *All Who Are Thirsty*

Scripture: John 4:1-42

Sermon: *Nothing Simple about a Drink of Water*

Song of Response

Sharing and Prayer

February Birthdays

Introductions and Announcements

Sending Song

Benediction

## Today

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

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Patty Nofziger **Scripture Reader:** Helene Hoover  
**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert **Peace prayer:** Dave Baer  
**Children's focus:** Pastor Derrick **Speaker:** Mary Ann Weber  
**Greeters:** Lorna Troyer **Sound Tech:** Lane Meyer-Reed

## 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  
Shrove Tuesday party. See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## Announcements

- ❖ From Susana Stinson:  
*I am sharing my roommate's gofundme. Pendo has a full academic scholarship, but needs to raise money for her room and board for her next 3 years of college, as room and board are no longer covered, even as a resident assistant. Pendo is from Malawi and has been living with a host family in Maine for the last 4 years, but she lacks financial support from family. If you can contribute, or just share the link, I would be so grateful. If she can't raise enough she will have to move off campus, disconnecting her from the heart of the Warren Wilson community, and leaving me without a roommate for next year :( Here is the link:*  
<https://gofund.me/ccc3fea06>.  
*Anything you can contribute will get her closer to her dream of returning to Africa to be a midwife/ OBGYN.*
- ❖ The Sharing Fund is currently behind due to a few large disbursements recently. There are some contributions expected in the next few weeks to cover this shortfall. As a reminder, contributions to the Sharing Fund can be made in the regular offering with a note in the memo line.

## Offering report for January, 2026

Received: \$6,715  
Expected: \$11,416  
Difference: (\$4,701)

YTD received: \$6,715  
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Difference: (\$4,701)

**Sharing Fund Balance: (\$2,029)**

### **Attendance for Sunday, January 25**

Total: 44     Visitors: 2

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.*

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



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