

Benton Mennonite Church

June 21, 2026

Worship leader: Christina Litwiller **Peace prayer:** Chelsea Risser

Song leader: Lyn Buschert **Scripture reader:** Orv Yoder

Children's focus: John Buschert **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

Theme: *Drawing Near; God in Art*

9:55 Meditative Silence

10:00 Worship

Gathering Words

VT 36 *Let Us Build a House*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

BF 85 *Come Praise the Creator*

VT 514 *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside*

Children's Focus

Offering & Reparations Offering

VT 757 *There's Enough for All*

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3

Sermon: *Trees of Living Water*

Song of Response

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 539 *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song*

Benediction

Next Sunday

❖ 10:00am Worship

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Speaker:** Dave Baer

Peace prayer: Christina Litwiller **Children's focus:** Casandra Byler

Scripture reader: Patty Nofziger **Song leader:** Barb Meyer Reed

Greeter: Doug/Jane Vendrely **Sound tech:** Bruce Nofziger

This week

❖ **No Coffee Talk this week.**

Upcoming events

❖ **Tuesday, June 30** Chicago Trip. See the bulletin board.

❖ **September 4-6** Church Retreat at Amigo Centre

Announcements

❖ Pastor Derrick is on vacation from this Tuesday June 23 to next Monday, June 29.

❖ Please let Donna know now if you are coming to the church retreat so she has the information needed to reserve rooms.

❖ A new sign-up sheet for July-August is on the bulletin board for providing meals to Dave and Vi Hartzler.

❖ An email from Beka and Susana, sent Monday afternoon:
Hello Benton!

We have made it to Spain. Landing in Bilbao on June 3, we began walking west along the north shore of Spain. We have been following the Camino del Norte route towards Santiago del Compostela. We walk through small towns and larger cities and along beautiful beaches and cliffs as we go from hostel to hostel. Thank you for all your thoughts and love as we enjoy a time of spontaneity and adventure!

Much love, Beka and Susana

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, June 14

Total: 40 Visitors: 2

Send bulletin information to bentonmennooffice@gmail.com
ALL information is due by Wednesday pm.

Staff days for this week

Derrick Ramer: Monday
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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