

# Benton Mennonite Church

July 12, 2026

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler                      **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick  
**Song leader:** Brenda Meyer      **Children's focus:** Mary Ann Weber  
**Peace prayer:** Janet Byler              **Scripture reader:** LaJane Yoder

**Theme: *Drawing Near; God in Art***

9:55              Meditative Silence  
10:00              Worship

Gathering Words

BF 58              *Praise your Maker, Hallelujah*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 410              *Christ is King! Let Earthly Powers*

BF 98 When the Sword and Spear

Children's Focus

Offering

VT 209              *We Dream of a Turning*

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1–2, 6–9

Sermon: God's Dream

VT 297              *You are Salt for the Earth*

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 412              *My Soul Cries Out*

Benediction

## Next Sunday

❖ 10:00am Worship

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler                      **Speaker:** Anne Love  
**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert                      **Children's focus:** Donna Risser  
**Peace prayer:** Pastor Derrick                      **Scripture reader:** Dave Baer  
**Greeters:** Stan/Mary Grove                      **Sound tech:** Bruce Nofziger

## This week

❖ **Tuesday, 9:30am** Coffee Talk at the church. Come and chat with the pastor and with each other.

## Upcoming events

❖ **Tuesday, July 21** Chicago Trip.

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

## Announcements

❖ The Chicago Trip includes taking the South Shore Line, eating lunch in China Town, and going to the Museum of Illusions. Museum cost is \$43.00.

❖ See the Bulletin board for Thank You letters from Community Peacemaking Teams and Center for Healing and Hope

### *Offering report for June 2026*

Received: \$14,830

Expected: \$11,416

Difference: \$3,414

YTD received: \$89,123

YTD expected: \$74,204

Difference: \$14,919

Sharing Fund Balance: \$4,933

### *Attendance for Sunday, June 28*

Total: 46              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.*



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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.*

The logo for Benton Mennonite Church features the word "Benton" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. Below it, "Mennonite Church" is written in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized, flowing graphic element in dark blue, resembling a wave or a ribbon.

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