

# Benton Mennonite Church

September 11 2022

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler

**Speakers:** Chelsea Risser and Phil Chan

**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner **Peace prayer:** LaJane Yoder

**Scripture reader:** Donna Risser

## Order of worship

10:30am Worship

Welcome

Peace Prayer

Gathering: VT 10 *Here in This Place*

VT 526 *En medio de la vida*

My Coins Count

VT 722 *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Offering: VT 747 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Scripture Mathew 4:17 and 5:1-10

*Children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger dismissed for childcare*

Message *Reflections on Puerto Rico*

Response: VT 789 *Be a Sower*

Sharing

Announcements

Sending: VT 838 *La paz de la tierra*

## Today

- 9:30am, First hour: options for children and adults
  - Wired Word, led by Helene Hoover, Room 113
  - Bible study, led by Dave Miller, Room 105
  - Circle on solar income for climate justice, led by Doug, back of sanctuary
  - Children meet in old foyer, led by Rich/Brenda Meyer.
- 10:30am, Worship
- 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by A-Ge

## Next Sunday

- We begin a new series: "Loving our Native American Neighbor"
- Theme is "Immigrating to this land." Be ready to share about how you and your family came to settle in North America and Elkhart County. Scripture is Psalm 24 and Matthew 10:5-15.
- A first hour class will begin on relating to Native Americans.

## Announcements

### Here at Benton

**New phone number for Phill Kilmer:** 574-535-3780.

**Baking for the Relief Sale?** Get your pans and instruction sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

**MCC School Kits will be collected through next Sunday** and then taken to MCC. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

**Pledge Forms for 2023 have been sent** by email or are in your mailbox. Please return by next Sunday to the Pledge box by the sanctuary door or email [treasurer@bentonchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@bentonchurch.org) or text Jonny at 574-202-3693.

**Interested in giving to the Peace Offering but missed it last Sunday?** Please designate donations by today. The offering is divided between the Congo Peace - Michael J. Sharp Memorial Fund at MCC and the Mennonite Church USA Justice Fund for those involved in anti-racism and policing issues.

**As part of our building campaign** the church decided to give 2% of the project towards the global church. As the campaign comes to completion, the church board recommends giving to the Mennonite World Conference Global Church Sharing Fund, a fund that gives directly to Mennonite churches. The fund was established as an expression of jubilee, recognizing that while two thirds of Mennonites are in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, 75% of our wealth is in Europe and North America. The MWC Deacons Commission, made up of representatives throughout the world, decides what projects to support. <https://mwc-cmm.org/global-church-sharing-fund>

**Benton has paid our loan for the solar panels** so that it is now generating income. There are many ideas for how to use this income. The circle during first hour will explore one of those ideas, creating a climate justice fund. Climate justice recognizes that some communities suffer the effects of climate change more than others. How do we support efforts to slow down global warming and support vulnerable people?

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler      **Scripture:** Rachel Versluis  
**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner  
**Children's focus:** Ashley Johar    **Peace prayer:** Elaina Youngberg  
**Greeters:** Cas Byler and Alfie Stinson

### *Offering, August 28 and September 4 2022*

Received: \$2,388                      Expected: \$6,040  
*Difference: (\$3,652)*

YTD received: \$110,809      YTD expected: \$108,720  
*Difference: \$2,089*

**Peace offering:** \$1,793

### **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$33,163  
Total received: \$434,244

**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.

### **Staff hours for this week**

*Brenda Meyer:* Wednesday and Friday  
*Doug Kaufman:* Tuesday and Friday  
*Steve Johns:* Friday

*Announcements can be sent to [office@bentonchurch.org](mailto:office@bentonchurch.org).  
All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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### **Pastors:**

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*Relying on the Spirit,  
we will love as Jesus loves,  
pursuing God's peace  
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