

# Benton Mennonite Church

November 13 2022

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler      **Speaker:** Brenda Meyer  
**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner      **Peace prayer:** Glo Showalter  
**Children's focus:** Ashley Johar      **Storyteller:** Luke Gascho  
**Scripture reader:** Helene Hoover  
**Childcare:** Barb Meyer-Reed and Mary Ann Weber

## *Relating to our Native American neighbors*

10:30am      Worship

Welcome

Peace prayer

Call to worship:

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

Children's focus

VT 540      *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Offering

Storytelling

*Dismiss first graders and younger*

Scripture      Leviticus 22:1-5, Numbers 5:5-8, and Luke 19:1-9

Brenda      *Reparations and Salvation*

Response song

Sharing and prayer

Announcements and introductions

Closing song

## Today

- ❖ We welcome Luke Gascho as our storyteller. Luke is retired director of Merry Lea Environmental Center and active in the *Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* coalition.
- ❖ 9:30am, First hour: Luke Gascho will talk about the Potawatomi Trail through northern Indiana.
  - ◇ All adult classes will join the conversation with Luke
  - ◇ Children meet in old foyer, led by Rich/Brenda Meyer.
- ❖ 10:30am, Worship
- ❖ 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by A-Ge

## Next Sunday

- ❖ "How do we remember Thanksgiving?" connected with Isaiah 58. Doug will introduce a discussion time.
- ❖ Our traditional Thanksgiving offering will be a repair offering, connected with relating to our Native American neighbors. The *Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition* is an Anabaptist Mennonite response to colonization, <https://dofdmenno.org/>. 60% of what we give supports their repair partner, Ka' Kuxtal Much Meyaj, an assembly of Maya communities defending Land-Water, promoting seedkeeping, and supporting cultural revitalization in southern Mexico. <https://kakuxtal.org>.
- ❖ **Congregational circle**, 1pm, Agenda was distributed. Approval for spending plan, proposals for additional steps on the building, including a new lift. (or more detail from Brenda)

## This week

- ❖ Saturday, 7–11am, Pancake and Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale, sponsored by Benton Twp Fire Dept. If you would like to contribute baked goods, see Sharon Erb. Proceeds go to help Phill and Arleta Kilmer purchase a handicap-accessible van.
- ❖ Saturday, 3pm, Elkhart County Historical Museum, Bristol IN. Join others from Benton in visiting *sihsipaahkwikaani* (the sugar camp), on loan from the Myaamia Heritage Museum and Archive, for a tour to learn about the maple sugaring process and why it is important to Miami indigenous culture. Meet there or arrange a carpool. See Donna Risser for more information. Sign up on the bulletin board.

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler      **Song leader:** Scott Kempf  
**Peace prayer:** Anne Meyer Byler      **Scripture reader:** Donna Risser  
**Childcare:** Dee Swartz and Beka Youngberg  
**Greeter:** Helene Hoover

## *Attendance for Sunday November 6 2022*

Total: 53

Visitors: 1

## **Offering, November 6 2022**

Received: \$2,870

Weekly expected: \$3,020

*Difference: (\$150)*

YTD received: \$135,625

YTD expected: \$135,900

*Difference: (\$275)*

### **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$45,221

Total received: \$446,301

**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:* Tuesday and Friday

*Doug Kaufman:* Tuesday and Friday

*Steve Johns:* Friday

Doug is on vacation this weekend, visiting his sister's family and walking for his graduation from the University of Toronto, from which he received a Master's of Theology in Ecology in 2020.

*Announcements can be sent to [office@bentonchurch.org](mailto:office@bentonchurch.org).*

*All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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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.*

A large version of the Benton Mennonite Church logo, featuring the name "Benton Mennonite Church" in a dark blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic consisting of two overlapping, curved lines that sweep upwards and to the right, resembling a wave or a ribbon. The logo is set against a background of light blue, wavy, abstract shapes that flow across the right side of the page.

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