

Benton Mennonite Church

November 20 2022 *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Worship leader: Kate Friesen

Peace prayer: Anne Meyer Byler

Guided discussion: Doug Kaufman

Scripture reader: Donna Risser

Childcare: Anne Meyer Byler and Beka Youngberg

Song leader: Scott Kempf

Storyteller: Donna Risser

Order of worship

10:30am Worship

Welcome

Peace Prayer

Call to Worship

VT 57 *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

VT 114 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Offering

Dismiss first graders and younger

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-7, 13-14

Guided discussion

VT 715 *Longing for Light*

Storytelling

Thanksgiving offering

Sharing and prayer

Announcements and introductions

VT 207 *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

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
 - ◇ Relating to our Native American neighbors: Land acknowledgment, led by Rich Meyer, Room 114
 - ◇ Children meet in old foyer, led by Brenda Meyer.
- ❖ 10:30am, Worship
- ❖ Correction to the Thanksgiving Offering repair partner. We will give the offering to the Anabaptist related *Dismantling the*

Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. This year their repair partner is Apache Stronghold, not the Mayan group listed the past weeks. They are defending the holy site Oak Flat from what would be one of the largest copper mines in the world. <http://apache-stronghold.com/>

- ❖ 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by Gr-Mah
- ❖ 1pm, Congregational Circle. Check mailbox for agenda. Approval for 2023 spending plan, proposals for additional steps on the building, including a new lift.

Next Sunday

- ❖ First Sunday of Advent. Our theme is “Restoration is Near”
- ❖ Doug will preach on “Watch: The day is almost here” connected with Matthew 24:36-44; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; and Psalm 122.
- ❖ Parent-Child Dedication for Oscar Yoder Penner and his family.

Upcoming event

- ❖ **Wednesday December 21, 7pm, Longest Night Solstice service.**

Announcements

Here at Benton

Sunday Mahaja is one of seven alumni featured in the upcoming exhibit entitled “From Goshen College to Goshen: Local Alumni”. The opening reception is today, followed by an artist talk at 3pm. The exhibit will be on display through January 15 2023.

Today November 20, 2pm, Hershberger Art Gallery in the Goshen College Music Center

Food Drive for the Fairfield Food pantry. Most needed: cereal, pancake syrup, chunky soup, cake mix and frosting, spaghetti sauce, deodorant, and dish soap. Sandy said they always need everything. Any questions ask Jodie Biggers. Bring items to the foyer by December 11.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Peace prayer:** Kate Friesen
Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed **Scripture reader:** Ashley Johar
Children’s focus: Rich Meyer
Childcare: Dee Swartz and Sabrina Williams **Greeter:** Dee Swartz
Sound: Lane Meyer-Reed

Offering, November 13 2022

Received: \$5,658
Weekly expected: \$3,020
Difference: \$2,638

YTD received: \$141,283
YTD expected: \$138,920
Difference: \$2,363

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$47,523
Total received: \$448,603

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 November 13

Total: 53
Visitors: 1

Staff hours for this week

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

*Announcements can be sent to 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.*



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