

# Benton Mennonite Church

November 6 2022

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler

**Speaker:** George Godfrey

**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner

**Peace prayer:** Janet Byler

**Scripture reader:** Jodie Biggers

**Storyteller:** Chelsea Risser

**Childcare:** Jane Vendrely and Sabrina Williams

## *Relating to our Native American neighbors*

10:30am      Worship

Welcome

Peace prayer

Call to Worship:

VT 129      *O Worship Our God*

Welcoming new members: Jane Vendrely and Anne Meyer Byler

VT 436      *How Great Thou Art*

November birthday recognition

Offering

Storytelling

*Dismiss first graders and younger*

Scripture      Romans 5:1-11

Sermon      *The Missing Ingredient*

Response song

Sharing and prayer

Announcements and introductions

Closing song

## Today

- ❖ We welcome George Godfrey, a Citizen Potawatomi who has served as a research scientist, university administrator, and program leader for Tribal Colleges and Universities. He has authored several novels based on the Potawatomi removals of his ancestors.
- ❖ 9:30am, First hour options for children and adults:
  - ❖ All adult classes will meet with guest George Godfrey
  - ❖ Children meet in old foyer, led by Brenda Meyer.
- ❖ 10:30am, Worship
- ❖ 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by R-Y, restarting our practice of love feast, a short communion service as part of the meal. All are welcome to take part in the bread and cup.

## Next Sunday

- ❖ Brenda Meyer will preach on “Reparations and salvation” based on Leviticus 22:1-5, Numbers 5:5-8, and Luke 19:1-9
- ❖ Luke Gascho will join us as storyteller and in the first hour to talk about the Potawatomi Trail that runs through this region.

## Sunday November 20

### Congregational circle, 1pm

- ❖ Learn what’s happening with the building priorities we identified.
- ❖ Decide on contributions and expenditures for the coming year.
- ❖ Consider a proposal for what to do with solar income from our panels now that they are paid for.
- ❖ Learn about giving a portion of money raised in our building campaign to the Mennonite World Conference Global Church Sharing Fund.
- ❖ Learn about a possible campaign to help us implement ongoing building priorities and retire building debt.

**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/> and 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 the Mayab in southern Mexico. <https://kakuxtal.org>

## Announcements

### *Here at Benton*

**Join others from Benton in visiting siihsipaahkwikaani** (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 culture. Meet there or arrange a carpool. See Doug Kaufman or Donna Risser for more information. Sign up on the bulletin board.

**Saturday November 19, 3pm, Elkhart County Historical Museum, Bristol IN**

**A set of keys was found in the NW church exterior door.** It has two keys and several shopping cards, including a library card. If you lost a set of keys, talk to Bruce.

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler

**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner

**Children's focus:** Ashley Johar

**Greeter:** Helene Hoover

### **Offering, October 30 2022**

Received: \$1,383

Weekly expected: \$3,020

*Difference: (\$1,637)*

YTD received: \$132,755

YTD expected: \$132,880

*Difference: (\$125)*

### **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$20,161

Total received: \$122,288

**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 October 30**

Total: 49; Visitors: 2

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

*Brenda Meyer:* Wednesday and Friday

*Doug Kaufman:* Tuesday

*Steve Johns:* Friday

This Thursday to the following Monday Doug will be visiting Toronto, where he will walk in person for his convocation ceremony after graduating from the University of Toronto 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.*

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