
SERMON NOTES



BERLIN
Mennonite Church
Rooted in Jesus. Growing in Faith. Branching out in Love.

January 28, 2018

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #6 "Here in This Place"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"My Lighthouse"

Psalm 111

"Good, Good Father"

HWB #553 "I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Sermon Title: "Freedom with Responsibility"

Responding...

HWB #420 "Heart with Loving Heart United"

Benediction

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Myron Weaver, Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team members, either after worship today or during the week. Elder Team members are: Carol Gerber, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King, Leon Miller and Michael Stutzman

FAITH TALK

Mark 6:45–52: "Jesus walks on water"

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. For preschool children, use the "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet. (1) Read Mark 6:49–51. What emotions did the disciples experience?

(2) Tell about a time you felt scared. Who or what helped you get through the experience?

(3) Jesus prayed on a mountainside. Choose an outdoor place to pray as a family today.

Did you know? In 2012, Lake Michigan recorded wind gusts of 70 mph / 112 km/h and wave heights of 22 ft / 7 m!

Prayer for the week: *Thank you, God, for comforting us in times of fear and doubt. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Berlin Mennonite Church - BOX 217 - Berlin, Ohio 44610

Church Phone: 330-893-2320

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

Connie (Secretary) - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 9am-3pm

Myron (Pastor) - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9am-3pm

Jeff (Family Life Pastor) Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Website: www.berlinmennonite.org

One Call Now (phone messages) - 1-877-698-3261

Online Calendars – dates.berlinmennonite.org; youth.berlinmennonite.org

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Jeremy Kauffman**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**
Usher: **Dennis Weaver** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Allan Miller**
Audio: **Tony Yoder** *Visual:* **Seth Cady** *PowerPoint:* **Peg Brand**
Greeters: **Eric & Karina Yoder**
Greeter Next Week: **Alice & Jonas Yoder**
Nursery This Sunday: **Lindsay Stutzman and Shawna & Zak Boyd**
Nursery Next Week: **Angie Yoder and Karina Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 172 Sunday School: 108
General Fund: \$4,583.55 ALMS: \$150.00
Chairs: \$110.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

January 29- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm
February 7- Family Night
February 11- Combo Service with Millersburg Mennonite
February 12- Family Night at New Grounds; 4-7pm
February 13- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
February 14- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
February 14- Family Night

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson; SALT: Samuel Miller.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Erica Reinford; Jr & Lois Schlabach; Mark & Amy Schlabach and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are concluding a retreat in San Diego. Pray that the spiritual and physical renewal they experienced through worship and fellowship will inspire and sustain them in the coming months of mentoring the participants in their units.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2018 Directory** has been updated and printed. The directory is a copy of the Instant Church Directory that can be downloaded on your phone or can be accessed online. If you wish to have a printed version, you may pick up a copy on the table in the foyer.
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 29 from 1-6 p.m. Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **Ladies Bible Study:** "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer to start Tuesday, January 30th from 9:30am-11am. Sign up in the foyer.
- **MEDA:** Monday, Feb. 19, there will be a MEDA Women Empowering Women gathering at New Grounds Café. Come enjoy hot drinks, light snacks and each other's company, as we hear stories from Bethany Nussbaum's recent trip to MEDA's project in Myanmar, brainstorm ways for collaborating to make a difference in poverty alleviation through MEDA and experience a day in the life of a Myanmar woman. An RSVP to Eva Keim by Feb. 15 is encouraged (ebkeim@yahoo.com) or text 330-763-4317.
- **Baptism:** Have you or are you currently considering your allegiance to Christ through the public act of baptism? We believe that the baptism with water is a sign of our cleansing from sin. Baptism is also a pledge before the church of our covenant with God to walk in the way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers are baptized into Christ and his body by the Spirit, water, and blood. Baptism classes will run through the months of February and March and the baptismal service will take place after Easter. If you would like to declare your allegiance to Christ through the public act of baptism, please contact Jeff.
- **Membership Class:** Beginning March 11th, Myron will offer a membership class, during the Sunday School hour, to those who are interested in becoming members at Berlin Mennonite. Please see Myron or Jeff if you are interested in attending the call.
- **GRIEFSHARE RESTARTING IN MARCH:** Please join us for biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Your loss may be recent or not so recent. Here, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving. The next GriefShare session will take place on Monday evenings beginning March 5th and continue through May 14th. There is no cost to attend. Please invite family members or friends who could also benefit. RSVP to the church or by contacting Becky Kandel or Barry Hummel.
- **Thank you:** To the Berlin Mennonite family who walked beside us through Marcia's illness: your love, prayers, and support sustained us more than you can ever know. Thank you, Warren and the family.