
SERMON NOTES



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

October 1, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: STJ #4 "You've Got a Place at the Welcome Table"
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"Mighty to Save"
Scripture reading: Philippians 2:1-13
"Holy Spirit"
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32
Message: "A Change in the Right Direction"

Responding...

Communion
HWB #471 "Eat This Bread"
HWB #472 "I am the Bread of Life"
"Seeds"

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

Genesis 2:4–19: "God tends a garden in Eden"

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 Genesis 2:7, 19, 22. How did God make animals and people?
- (2) Describe something in creation and have the family guess what it is.
- (3) List as many fruits and vegetables as you can. Try a new food this week.

Did you know? The Tigris and Euphrates rivers mentioned in Genesis 2 flow southeast from the mountains of Turkey through Iraq.

Prayer for the week: Thank you, Creator God, for such a beautiful world to enjoy.
Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Jeff Hochstetler** *Worship Leader:* **Myron Weaver**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **Quintet**
Usher: **Allan Miller** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Howie Hatfield**
Audio: **Dustin Yoder** *Visual:* **Cameron Miller** *PowerPoint:* **Peg Brand**
Greeters: **Myron & Linda Schlabach** *Next Week:* **Merle & Anita Shetler**
Nursery This Sunday: **Angie Yoder & Karina Yoder**
Nursery Next Week: **Carson & Rachel Miller and Megan Weaver**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 179 **Sunday School: 97**
General Fund: \$8,651.00 **ALMS: \$500.00**
College Aid: \$500.00 **MCC: \$25.00**
MDS: \$75.00 **Stuckey Family: \$785.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

October 1- Annual Church Business Meeting
October 1- World Communion Sunday
October 4- Family Night
October 9- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7pm
October 9- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm
October 10- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
October 11- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
October 11- Family Night
October 18- Family Night

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Marcia Miller, Geri Morgan, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Mary Sundheimer, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Lizzie Ann Miller (Jewell Bontrager & Betty Troyer's mother), 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;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Richard & Becky Kandel; Wes & Kathy Kandel and family; Jeremy Kauffman & Christy Smith and family; Lester & Clara Kaufman.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside communities in Ecuador to help Vida Juvenil become a thriving, locally organized project. Pray for them as they help mothers, children and youth become grounded in a better quality of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Carry-In Meal & Annual Meeting Today:** Following the morning service, there will be a carry in meal in the fellowship hall. The hope is that by 12:15 we can begin our Annual Business Meeting following the meal. We encourage all to stay for this important meeting in the life of the church.
- **Family Nights:** This Wednesday, we will begin our fall family nights. We will be inviting people from our church to share faith stories, as we began this summer. We will also be inviting people to work on comforters while we hear faith stories. We hope this is a great opportunity to know each other on a deeper level and be inspired by what God has done for us. Childcare will be provided, and Children K-6 will take part in rehearsal for the Christmas musical.
- **Interested in learning more about immigration trends in our local area of Ohio?** Curious about the stories of those who have become our neighbors? All are welcome to join A Community Action Workshop organized by the Eastern Central Ohio Sanctuary Network on Saturday, October 7th, from 8:30am-3:30pm in Canton. The purpose of this workshop is to educate and prepare churches and other groups to walk alongside immigrants in our communities. For more information, please contact Lisa Miller.
- **The Mission Committee** would like to invite all adult Sunday school classes as well as the youth to a special joint-Sunday school session on October 8th in the fellowship hall. This Sunday we will be hearing more about the Relationship as a Mission approach we would like to pilot this year and will have the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 9, from 1-7 p.m. Pizza will be given to participants! Walk-ins from the community are welcome. Please sign up on the bulletin board for a time so that they can have adequate staff and wait times will be shorter.
- **Joins us for a MEDA, Women Empowering Women, gathering on Monday, October 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at Eva Keim's house located at 5328 Hummingbird Drive, Millersburg. Women Empowering Women (WeW) is an opportunity for women of all ages to connect with one another, learn about issues facing other women in developing countries and how to empower them through MEDA. MEDA staff member, Bethany Nussbaum, will share about their project in Jordan, while we snack on middle eastern goodies. If you have questions, contact the WeW planning committee: Eva Keim, Rhoda Mast or Mary (Dan) Miller. Please RSVP with a call or text to 330-763-4317 (Eva Keim).
- **The ladies of Walnut Creek Mennonite** have extended an invitation to their Sewing on October 17. Our own Lisa Miller will be the guest speaker that day. All ladies are invited to attend for a day of sewing, visiting and sharing by Lisa.
- **The Women of Influence present "Harvesting Hope" on Saturday, October 28th from 9am-3pm** at The Pier (10470 Winesburg Rd. Dundee, OH). Tickets are \$50 and include a hot dinner or \$40 bring your own bag lunch. Tickets can be purchased at Faith View Bookstore in Fredericksburg or contact Verna or Sheryl. For more information visit www.thewomenofinfluence.com.
- **Diaper Shower:** We would like to bless Jeff & Kelsey with diapers for Amelia and Ava. If you would like to participate, please bring diapers sizes 1-4 to the church and place under the coat rack in the foyer.