
SERMON NOTES



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

October 15, 2017

FAITH TALK

Genesis 6:5–9:17: “Noah and God’s promises”

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story.

- (1) Read Genesis 9:8–11. Who did God make a covenant with? What was the promise?
- (2) Tell about an experience with rain or floods.
- (3) What kinds of promises do you make to each other?

Did you know? On March 14, 1994, the longest-observed rainbow was seen in Sheffield, England. It lasted for six hours.

Prayer for the week: *Steadfast God, thank you for keeping your promises to us. May we be faithful to you. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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Gathering of God’s People . . .

Opening Song: STJ #5 “Come and Be Light for Our Eyes”

STJ #45 “In the Morning When I Rise”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

“In Christ Alone”

Psalm 23

“Your Love Never Fails”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Message: “Invite Anyone You Can”

Responding...

HWB #495 “O Let All Who Thirst”

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

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Ralph King**
Song Leader: **Titus Dutcher** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank & Julia Miller**
Usher: **Rick Brand** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Myron Schlabach**
Audio: **Seth Cady** *Visual:* **Gio King** *PowerPoint:* **Rochelle Croston**
Greeters: **Paul & Sarah Miller** *Next Week:* **Mike & Karlene Sommers**
Nursery This Sunday: **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand**
Nursery Next Week: **Lindsay Stutzman and Shawna & Zak Boyd**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 189 **Sunday School: 124**
General Fund: \$4,741.00 **ALMS: \$40.00** **MDS: \$100.00**
MCC: \$125.00 **College Student Aid: \$1,000.00**
Stuckey Family: \$125.00 **Hurricane Relief: \$50.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

October 18- Family Night
October 22- Children's Church
October 25- Family Night
November 1- Family Night
November 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
November 11- Surviving the Holidays- GriefShare Event
November 12- MYF Auction

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 Erikson; SALT: Samuel Miller; Selena Herrera who is working in Greece at a Refugee camp.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Richard & Dawn Krier and family; Sam Kurtz; Jean Lefurgey.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network serves JCS, an umbrella organization for mission agencies in Mongolia, through administrative support. She is also a voice for people in the countryside. Pray that God would help her perfect her language skills for good communication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Family Nights continue this Wednesday!** We will be inviting people from our church to share faith stories. We also invite 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. Each week the main dish for the fellowship meal will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **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.
- **Berlin Mennonite will be joining area churches:** First Mennonite Sugarcreek, Lifebridge, Longenecker, Martins Creek and Walnut Creek in responding to the hurricane crisis. This group of churches will be sponsoring work trips through MDS from March 11 to April 7. Please consider serving for a week at this time, perhaps on Spring break! More information to come! If you would like to make a donation to international hurricane relief, through either MDS or MCC you can place your donation in the offering and designating it for hurricane relief with MDS or MCC.
- **Mark your calendar for Marriage for Life on February 3& 4 or 4 & 5th.** Registration opens November 1st. All couples should register through Connie in the church office. The first 10 couples that sign up will have their registration fee paid by the church. Sign up now!
- **Check out the bulletin board** to read the thank you letter sent by Cesar Perez de Leon from Eastern Mennonite University.