
SERMON NOTES



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

October 21, 2018

Developing Intimacy with God

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Songs: STJ #9: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
"Cornerstone"

STJ #109: "Ancient of Days"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

HWB #425: "Come, Come Ye Saints"

HWB #301: "Joys are Flowing"

Psalm 25

STJ #75: "Be Still"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Psalm 25

Message: Learning to be Still in God: Unbuilding the Way

Responding...

HWB #516: "Just as I Am"

About our speaker:

Mark Leinbach and his wife Marlea Hershberger live in Trail with their sons, Tom and Joel. Mark is a licensed clinical social worker and substance abuse counselor and currently serves as the director of SpringHaven Counseling Center, with offices in Mt. Eaton and Sterling, OH. Mark was baptized in the Doughty Creek at Troyer's Hollow five years ago and appreciates the Berlin Mennonite community for continuing to challenge him in being a follower of Christ.

FAITH TALK

Exodus 13:17–15:21: "Crossing the Red Sea"

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 Exodus 15:1–3, 12–13. How do the Israelites describe God?

(2) Israelites were trapped between the Egyptian army and the Red Sea. When have you been in an impossible situation?

(3) Aaron's sister, Miriam, led the women in a song using tambourines. Sing a song of praise using rhythm instruments.

Did you know? What is the Hebrew name for the sea in Exodus 14? <Yam Suph, sometimes translated "Reed Sea">

Prayer for the week: God, light our way. Free us to love others. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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(Secretary) - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 – Tuesday 12-4pm; Friday 9am-3pm

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Mark Leinbach** *Worship Leader:* **Emily Troyer**

Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer**

Offertory: **Patience Gerber**

Usher: **Roger Dunn**

Audio & Visual: **Elliott Yoder /Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Rochelle Cady**

Greeters: **Bob & Susan Slagle** *Next Week:* **Veva Reid and Ethel Mumaw**

Nursery This Sunday: **Jill Basinger and Lindsay & Michael Stutzman**

Nursery Next Week: **Karina Yoder; Shawna & Zak Boyd**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 134 Sunday School: 50

General Fund: \$7,238.60 Alexis: \$100.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

October 24 and 31 – Family Night 6-8 pm

November 7 – Stephen Ministry Meeting, 9 am; Family Night, 6-8 pm

November 8 – BMC New Grounds Night 4-7 pm

November 11 – MYF Auction

November 14 – Ladies Sewing 8:30 am; Family Night 6-8 pm

November 17 – *Surviving the Holidays* Griefshare event 9am-noon

Health Needs: Ralph King, Sophie Miller, Ed Kline, Lorene Maxwell, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, and Susan Sullivan.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder, and Mary Ann Kandel.

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 Mervin & Leona Miller, Paul & Carol Miller; and Paul & Sarah Miller and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International program has participants in Benin, Requiya Johnson, and in Ecuador, Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller. Pray for these three young women as they adapt to new cultures, languages and communities. May God use their gifts to build the global church.

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Walt Morton, Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team either after worship or during the week. Elder Team members are: Carol Gerber, Becky Kandel, Ralph King, Leon Miller, Michael Stutzman and Vaughn Troyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale** wrap-up meeting is tonight at 6 pm at the Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Financial results of the sale and reports from various areas will be shared plus time to discuss plans for the future. All are welcome.
- **LoveINC will sponsor a "Winter Coat Store"** at BMC on Thursday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm. A large selection of new and gently used coats in all size will be available for the entire family price at \$3 each. Cash only. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Please take a moment to check** your information for the Church Directory. A copy is available in the lobby until November 11 in preparation for the publication of the 2019 edition. Make your corrections know to the office either in written form or to secretary@berlinmennonite.org.
- **The church office will be publishing** the annual college student directory. All college students, or their parents, are asked to submit the university name, address, telephone number, email, and status (Freshman, etc.) to the office as soon as possible. Please acknowledge even if the information has not changed from last year at secretary@berlinmennonite.org or by call the office.
- **Wednesday Family Nights** will take place this week and continue through November 14. The MYF provided meal will begin at 6 pm. There will be organized children's activities while adults meet in discussion with Walt from 7-8 pm. Nursery is provided.
- **GriefShare: When you are grieving** a loved one's death, the holidays season can be especially painful. *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants discover how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, tips for surviving social events, and how to find hope for the future. Please join in for this encouraging morning, Saturday, November 17 from 9 am to noon. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided by Boyd and Worthman. RSVP to the church office by Sunday, November 11.
- **Berlin Mennonite will again collect** laundry detergent to assist the Share-A-Christmas program. All donations need to be at church no later Sunday, November 26. 80 jugs have been donated of the 300 required.
- **Marriage for Life 2019** registration opens November 1 for this February 1-3, 2019 event. Berlin Mennonite will offer to cover the \$60 registration fee for the first 10 couples to contact the church office. There are 10 rooms each for the Fri/Sat, Feb. 1-2 and Sat./Sun. Feb. 2-3 sessions to choose from. Contact Brenda or Barry Hummel for more information.