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## SERMON NOTES

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

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**October 28, 2018**

*The Holy work of Faith Formation*

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**Gathering of God's People...**

Opening Songs: HWB #26: "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

HWB #486: "God of our Life"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

**Praising God's Name . . .**

"Lord I Need You"

"Amazing Grace"

Psalm 119:72-74

"Ancient Words"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

**Hearing God's Word . . .**

Scripture: Acts 7:30-33

Message: Standing on Holy Ground

**Responding...**

HWB #567: "How Firm a Foundation"

**Benediction**

*About our speaker:*

*Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi grew up on a farm in Wayne County. She and her husband, Dan spent most of their professional lives serving internationally with MCC in Congo, Nigeria, Indonesia, and across Southeast Asia. In 2017, Jeanne and her husband returned to Ohio, where Jeanne now serves as Superintendent of Central Christian School. She finds a deep sense of mission through her work and continues her passion for the global church. Jeanne and Dan have three adult sons, two daughters-in-law, and two grandsons.*

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## FAITH TALK

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**Exodus 19:1–20:21: "Ten Commandments"**

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

(1) Read Exodus 20:1–17 and make a list of the Ten Commandments.

(2) In what situations is it important to follow the rules? Is breaking a rule ever okay?

(3) Play a board game for which you need to read the rules.

**Did you know?** How long is the climb to the top of Mount Sinai? <about 2½ hours on foot>

**Prayer for the week:** Thank you, God, for providing guidance as we learn to love you and each other. Amen.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Berlin Mennonite Church - BOX 217 - Berlin, Ohio 44610**

**Church Phone: 330-893-2320**

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM**

Betty (Secretary) - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am-3pm

Walt (Intentional Interim Pastor) - Tuesday and Friday 9am-3pm

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

**Website: [www.berlinmennonite.org](http://www.berlinmennonite.org)**

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Sermon:* **Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi**      *Worship Leader:* **Tom Yoder**

*Song Leader:* **Shelly Miller**

*Offertory:* **Luci Shank**

*Usher:* **Jr Schlabach**

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

*Greeters:* **Veva Reid and Ethel Mumaw**    *Next Week:* **Hal & Geri Morgan**

*Nursery This Sunday:* **Karina Yoder and Jill Basinger**

*Nursery Next Week:* **Emily Miller and Rachel & Caron Miller**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 132    Sunday School: 92**

**General Fund: \$6,335.10    College: \$500.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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October 31 – Family Night 6-8 pm

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

November 10 – Surviving Holidays GriefShare event 9-noon

November 11 – MYF Auction And Carry-in Dinner

November 12 – BMC at New Ground 4-7 pm

November 13 – Meeting Night 7 pm; Council 8 pm

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

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**Health Needs:** Sophie Miller, Ralph King, Ed Kline, Lorene Maxwell, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, 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; RAM - Nicaraguan families.

**Families in Focus:** Please pray specifically this week: Hal & Geri Morgan; Sheila Mullet and family; Tom & Sharon Mullet.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for a new conference in Ecuador, *Inglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador*. Pray for members as they establish healthy leadership patterns to respond to the needs of their congregations and the many refugees who seek to build a new future.

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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **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](mailto:secretary@berlinmennonite.org).
- **The church office will be publishing** the annual college student directory. All college students, or their parents, are encouraged 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. You can do by emailing [secretary@berlinmennonite.org](mailto:secretary@berlinmennonite.org) or by call the office.
- **Wednesday Family Nights** will take place this week and continue through November 14. The meal of Chicken Noodle Casserole beginning at 6 pm will be provided by the Crossroads Class. Bring side or dessert to share. An intergenerational fall festival will complete the evening. If the weather permits, a hayride and bonfire will be provided outside at 7:00 P.M. along with ingredients to make s'mores around the fire. Please dress accordingly and bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit by the fire. If weather deters us from being outside or if you prefer to stay inside, please bring board games to play with others as time permits.
- **Interested in a special giving opportunity through your IRA?** Older owners of Individuals retirement Accounts are allowed to give donations from the account to a church or charity. You don't pay taxes on the gift and it may lower your taxable income. You must be at least 70 ½ years of age. You make a written request for the distributions of the charitable gift through your IRA provider. For more details, talk to treasurer, Jill Basinger or Everence advisor, Jody Miller.
- **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.
- **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.