
SERMON NOTES



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

November 19, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #16 "God is Here Among Us"

Welcome

Announcements

Stephen Minister Commissioning

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"Waterfall"

HWB #506 "I Sought the Lord"

Psalm 123

HWB #389 "Take My Life"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Message: "Playing it Safe Won't Cut It"

Responding...

STS #124 "My Soul Cries Out"

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 37: "Joseph and his brothers"

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 37:3-4. How would you have felt if you were one of the older brothers?

(2) What makes you feel jealous? How do you handle your jealousy?

(3) The angry brothers hurt Joseph. Talk about peaceful ways to handle angry feelings.

Did you know? Joseph went to Egypt by camel. A camel's long eyelashes and third eyelid make it possible for the camel to continue walking in a desert sandstorm.

Prayer for the week: God of peace, thank you that you love each of us especially well. 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: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Jodi Miller**
Song Leader: **Titus Dutcher** *Offertory:* **Grace Schlabach**
Usher: **Jr. Schlabach** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Dennis Weaver**
Audio: **Cameron Miller** *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Reid Gerber**
Greeters: **Reid & Marcia Stutzman**
Next Week: **Robert & Sonya Stutzman**
Nursery This Sunday: **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**
Nursery Next Week: **Lindsay Stutzman and Shawna & Zak Boyd**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 193 **Sunday School: 91**
General Fund: \$6,407.45 **ALMS: \$85.00** **Marriage for Life: \$5,000.00**
MYF Donations: \$1,360.00 **IVEPer Missions: \$1,000.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

December 4- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7pm
December 5- Comfy, Cozy, Cookie Night, 6:30pm
December 12- BMC Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
December 13- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
December 17- Children's Christmas Musical, 6pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Marcia Miller, 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, 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; SALT: Samuel Miller; Selena Herrera who is working in Greece at a Refugee camp.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Dave & Linda Miller; Eric & Jodi Miller and family; Gene & Candace Miller and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LAUNDRY DETERGENT NEEDED:** Berlin Mennonite is signed up to give 350 containers of detergent for Holmes County Share-A-Christmas. Please place your donated laundry detergent in the foyer by next Sunday, November 26! For those who want to make larger purchase of laundry soap for Share a Christmas, the Dollar Store has the Berlin Mennonite tax exempt number in it file. Thank you for your help!
- **Poinsettias:** We are taking orders for beautiful poinsettias to raise money for Mongolia Missions. Order forms are on the table beside the secretary's office. Red or white poinsettias can be purchased for: \$15.00 – 7.5" pot (2 plants), \$20.00 – 8.5" pot (3 plants). The ordering deadline is next Sunday, November 26th and the poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 3rd. Order forms and payment can be placed in Connie Weaver's mailbox.
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 4, from 1-7 p.m. Pizza will be given to participants! Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **COMFY, COZY, COOKIE NIGHT:** All ladies are invited to a relaxed and informal evening as we exchange Christmas cookies and enjoy one another's company in celebration of the holiday season. Join us on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm at the home of Art & Jo Yoder. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Plan to attend even if you don't bring cookies to exchange.
- **Mark your calendars: Wednesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.** - gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. We will travel to several places to sing for and to visit with members of the community. For those who are able we will end our evening at Dairy Queen for ice cream. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and singing!
- **Mark your calendar for Marriage for Life on February 2 & 3 or 3 & 4th.** All couples should register through Connie in the church office. Sign up now!
- **New or gently used winter coats needed.** Berlin Mennonite Church is providing Love INC families with coats for the winter months. There is a shortage of men's coats especially in large sizes. If you have new or gently used coats that you would like to donate, please hang on the coat rack by the back-door entrance.
- **If you have dishes in the kitchen,** please pick them up by the end of the month. Thanks!