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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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**November 25, 2018**

**Sunday School 9:00 AM – Worship 10:00 AM**

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## FAITH TALK

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### **Joshua 1:1–17: “God calls Joshua”**

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 Joshua 1:7–9. Why didn’t Joshua need to be frightened?
- (2) Talk about where you are going today or all the places you went. In what ways was God with you?
- (3) Jordan means “down flowing.” Find an online photo or video of the Jordan River.

**Did you know?** What famous basketball player’s last name is found in Joshua 1:1–11?  
<Michael Jordan>

**Prayer for the week:** *God, give us strength and courage for each new day. We know that you are with us. 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 8am-2pm  
Walt (Intentional Interim Pastor) Wednesday and Friday  
Jeff (Family Life Pastor) Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

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

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### **Gathering of God’s People...**

Opening Song:

“Blessed be Your Name”

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Blessing for Laundry Detergent

Call to Worship/Invocation

### **Praising God’s Name . . .**

HWB #327: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

“Give Thanks”

“What a Beautiful Name it is”

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

### **Hearing God’s word...**

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2, 31; Psalms 19

Message: When God as Creator meets our Challenges

### **Pastoral Prayer ...**

Regarding our Congregational Challenges

### **Responding...**

HWB 119: “Praise God from Whom”

### **Benediction**

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Sermon:* **Walt Morton**    *Worship Leader:* **Jeff Hochstetler**  
*Song Leader:* **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank** *Usher:* **Howie Hatfield**  
**Audio & Visual:** **Dustin Yoder/Elliot Yoder** **Power Point:** **Rochelle Cady**

*Today Greeters:*  
**Yasser & Renee Omran**  
*Nursery This Sunday:*  
**Karina Yoder and Shawna / Zak Boyd**

*Greeter Next Week:*  
**Jason & Jolene Peterson**  
*Nursery Next Week:*  
**Emily Miller and Rachel/Carson  
Miller**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 144    Sunday School: 98**  
**General Fund: \$ 6,532.05    ALMS: \$50.00**

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**Health Needs:** Ed Kline, Lorene Maxwell, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, and Susan Sullivan.

**Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents:** Dean Hummel, 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: Ralph Phillabaum; Hank & Carol Raber; Betty Ralph.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Participants with Journey International, a Mennonite Mission Network program, are serving in Benin and Ecuador. Pray for God's love to flow through Requiya Johnson, working with children at La Casa Grande, and for Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller, working with refugees and children in Quito.

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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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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December 10 – BMC at New Grounds, 4-7 pm  
December 11 – Council, 7 pm  
December 12 – Ladies Sewing 8:30 am  
December 14 – Gospel Blue Grass Jam, 6:30 – 8 pm  
December 15 – Mongolian Breakfast, 7:30 am at Der Bake Oven  
December 24 – Christmas Eve celebration

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Poinsettia: Today is the last day** to order poinsettias! If you haven't placed an order, order forms are out side secretary's office. Place order in secretary's mail box. All proceeds will be used for Mongolian Missions.
- **Remember to sign up to make** Christmas wreaths, Saturday, December 1, 9-noon. Contact Carolyn Caron with questions 330-2312-0865.
- **Linda Miller still needs a back up** for church cleaning. An Individual or couple that would be willing to periodically clean the church for her.
- **New Volunteers are welcome at Save & Serve.** Whether its sorting, or working at cash register, come join as we build friendships and support the work of MCC. **Save & Serve** is also taking applications for fulltime manager. If interest in a position, more information is available on the church bulletin board.
- **Mennonite Central Committee collects** funds during the Advent season to give gifts of small animals for those in need around the world. Beginning December 2 and throughout the month of December, the children's Sunday School department will be collecting money for the MCC project. This offering will be taken during the opening time for the children. Please send money with your child and fee free to give in the donation jar in the foyer beside the tree. Let's give generously.