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## SERMON NOTES

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### FAITH TALK

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**Genesis 16:1–17:22; 18:1–15; 21:1–7:**

**“God’s promises to Abraham and Sarah”**

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 17:2–8. What stands out to you about God’s covenant with Abraham?

(2) Tell about each child’s adoption or birth. How were names chosen?

(3) Each day, tell a favorite story about a relative and thank God for that person.

**Did you know?** How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born? *100*

**Prayer for the week:** *Faithful God, we rely on your promised presence 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**

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

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

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

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

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## November 5, 2017

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### Gathering of God’s People . . .

Opening Song: STJ #2 “Come, Walk with Us”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

### Praising God’s Name . . .

“Sing for Joy, to God Our Strength”

“Hungry”

Psalm 107:1-9

“We Fall Down, We Lay Our Crowns”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

### Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

Message: “From Hypocrisy to Hope”

### Responding...

HWB #307 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

### 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

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Message:* **Jeff Hochstetler**      *Worship Leader:* **Dave Miller**

*Song Leader:* **Vaughn Troyer**      *Offertory:* **Quintet**

*Usher:* **Hank Raber**      *Usher Next Sunday:* **Roger Dunn**

*Audio:* **Tony Yoder** *Visual:* **Seth Cady** *PowerPoint:* **Reid Gerber**

*Greeters:* **Erik & Laura Beun**

*Next Week:* **Michael & Lindsay Stutzman**

*Nursery This Sunday:* **Angie Yoder & Karina Yoder**

*Nursery Next Week:* **Carson & Rachel Miller and Megan Weaver**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 178      Sunday School: 97**

**General Fund: \$8,569.21      ALMS: \$5,000.00      MDS: \$50.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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November 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

November 8- Family Night

November 10- Gospel Bluegrass Jam; 6-8:30pm

November 11- Surviving the Holidays- GriefShare Event

November 12- MYF Auction

November 13- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm

November 15- Family Night

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**Families in Focus:** Please pray specifically this week for Lorene Maxwell; Wes Maxwell; Albert & Julie Miller.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network visit Mennonite churches and youth groups throughout Colombia. Pray for safe travels, good listening skills, and discernment as they facilitate the national committee's decision-making process.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Ladies Sewing:** Berlin Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday for quilting and knotting. Sheryl Weaver will have devotions and Luci Shank will be the hostess. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **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. Childcare will be provided, and Children K-6 will take part in rehearsal for the Christmas musical. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Mark your calendars** for the Gospel Bluegrass Jam on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm at Berlin Mennonite Church. All are welcome to attend and participate. This event will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.
- **Grieving? Know someone who is?** When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our 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 us for this encouraging morning, Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 12:00pm. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office by **tomorrow**, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **The MYF Auction** will be next Sunday, November 12, immediately after a carry-in meal. More information and an auction list will be distributed soon!
- **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **LAUNDRY DETERGENT NEEDED:** Berlin Mennonite is signed up to give 350 containers of detergent for Holmes County Share-A-Christmas. Our kickoff begins next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donated laundry detergent in the foyer by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!
- **Mark your calendar for Marriage for Life on February 2 & 3 or 3 & 4th.** Registration opens November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!
- **Thank you:** Thank you for being friendly and encouraging as you accepted and visited with our brother, Earl. He loved when Myron and Jeff visited, cried during the hymns we all sang, and enjoyed his time in Berlin. Thank you for your support of him and us during his last days! Thank you for the prayers, food, cards and care. Our food committee is amazing, thank you! We are so thankful Earl is with Jesus! We heard Earl say many times, "Lord Jesus, O surrender. It's all up to you!" Berlin Mennonite, thank you! ~Wes Kandel and Sharon Yoder families.
- **We are so grateful** for the support and encouragement you've been as we settle into life with twins! Your prayers, meals, diapers, and kind words have not gone unnoticed. Thank you all! -Kelsey, Jeff, Mariella, Ava, and Amelia
- **A heartfelt thank you** to our wonderful friends and church family for the love and support during Mom's journey with cancer. Thank you to Pastors Myron & Jeff for walking along side our family especially during the last couple weeks of Mom's life, your words and prayers were so comforting, not only for her but for the family as well. Also thank you to the many that provided food on a moment's notice and blessed us beyond measure. Mom will be missed, but her memory will continue on through her friends here at BMC. -The family of Mary Sundheimer