
SERMON NOTES



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

February 4, 2018

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: STJ #2 "Come Walk with Us"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"We Fall Down"

"Speak O Lord"

Psalm 147:1-11,20c

HWB #163 "Obey My Voice"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Sermon Title: "What is The Gospel?"

Responding...

HWB #395 "Here I am, Lord"

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

Mark 7:24–30: "Jesus heals a little girl"

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

(1) Read Mark 7:24–25. Have you ever wanted to go unnoticed?

(2) Look at a world map online. Point to a location. Say, "God's love is for the people of _____ (name of place)."

(3) Talk about ways to share God's love outside of your own neighborhood. Did you know? What was the area around Tyre famous for? (purple dyes made from shellfish)

Prayer for the week: God, we are your children. Help us to remember that everyone is important to you. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

Website: www.berlinmennonite.org

One Call Now (phone messages) - 1-877-698-3261

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Jeff Hochstetler** *Worship Leader:* **Janice Hershberger**

Song Leader: **Titus Dutcher**

Offertory: **Julia Miller, Patience Gerber & Luci Shank**

Usher: **Allan Miller** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Rick Brand**

Audio: **Seth Cady** *Visual:* **Tony Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**

Greeters: **Alice & Jonas Yoder**

Greeter Next Week: **Marion & Laura Yoder**

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

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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 181 Sunday School: 101

General Fund: \$3,946.50

ALMS: \$200.00

New Chairs: \$67.33

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

February 4- MDS project meeting following church service

February 7- Family Night

February 11- Combo Service with Millersburg Mennonite

February 12- Family Night at New Grounds; 4-7pm

February 13- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

February 14- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

February 14- Family Night

February 17 – Mongolian Breakfast, 7:30 am Farmstead

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, 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, 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.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week Myron and Linda Schlabach and family; Rene Seeds; and Norm and Luci Shank.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The sculpture on the communion table was created by Esther Augsburger**, who offers the following explanation. The title I have given to this sculpture is a Greek word which means “worshiping God” or “reverencing God” or “sincere adoration.” Art is a visual language which should move the viewer beyond the form to the essence of meaning. This sculpture is not an object to be worshipped or imitated, but a visual call to focus our worship on God. It is a call to raise our hearts and our thoughts toward God in every part of the worship experience, from the time one enters the sanctuary to the benediction.
- **Baptism class begins this Sunday!** If you are interested in taking the exploration class, please see Jeff Hochstetler. Please pray for all who are in the class.
- **Join us for Family Nights, starting this Wednesday!** Gear up as children explore six weeks of Bible study and adventure. The theme for the children is “Learn and Serve” where they will be introduced to disciples of Jesus and follow along Paul’s adventures. Crafts will be based on the lesson for the evening. This will culminate with a rain gutter regatta, where our kids build, decorate, and race sailboats powered by their lungs down a rain gutter raceway. In addition to awarding prizes for the swiftest boat, prizes will also be awarded to the best design. We will be kicking off Family Nights by having themed dress nights. This Wednesday, you are invited to wear your favorite sports team. Best dressed will get a \$10 gift certificate to Dairy Queen. This week the Food committee will provide tater tot casserole. Please bring a salads or deserts to share.
- **Next Sunday February 11th, Millersburg Mennonite Church will join us here at Berlin Mennonite Church for our annual combined worship service.** Sara Wenger Shenk, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will share during Sunday school hour and for the morning message. We are inviting adults at Millersburg to join Sara in the fellowship hall or attend one of our adult classes. The children of Millersburg Mennonite will join our children’s classes. Following the morning service, we all join for a carry-in meal in the fellowship hall. Please bring plenty of food for the morning and may we all be diligent in being gracious host to our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **On Sunday, February 18 and April 1** we will be taking photographs for families in the church and This comes at no expense to those who wish to have their pictures updated in the online church directory, or to keep for yourself as a family.
- **Membership Class:** Beginning March 11th, Myron will offer a membership class, during the Sunday School hour, to those who are interested in becoming members at Berlin Mennonite. Please see Myron or Jeff if you are interested in attending the call.
- **GRIEFSHARE RESTARTING IN MARCH:** Please join us for biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Your loss may be recent or not so recent. Here, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving. The next GriefShare session will take place on Monday evenings beginning March 5th and continue through May 14th. There is no cost to attend. Please invite family members or friends who could also benefit. RSVP to the church or by contacting Becky Kandel or Barry Hummel.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** The Blood Drive had 25 donors this past Monday. 14 of those donors were from the church. Thank you to all who participated in the Blood Drive and to Carol Miller and Carolyn Caron for hosting.