
SERMON NOTES



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

April 23, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #6 "Here in This Place"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"My Lighthouse"

"In Christ Alone"

Reading of Psalm 16

"Hosanna"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Moment

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Message: "Locked Doors Can't Keep Out God's Grace"

Responding...

STJ #30 "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

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: Bob Habeger, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King and Leon Miller.



FAITH TALK

Genesis 16:1–15; 21:8–21: "God hears Hagar and Ishmael"

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

- (1) Read Genesis 21:17–19 together. Tell about times you cried out for God's help.
- (2) Hagar and Ishmael became very thirsty. Eat a salty food then drink water.
- (3) Pray for children around the world who are in need of rescue.

Did you know? Women like Hagar still search for water. What is the average distance that women in Asia and Africa walk to collect water?

(Four miles / six kilometers)

Prayer for the week *God, help us reach out to people who are suffering. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Michael Stutzman**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller**
Offertory: **Allie Beun, Grace, Beatrice and Amy Schlabach**
Usher: **Howie Hatfield** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Rick Brand**
Audio: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Josh Schlabach**
Worship Nursery: **Angie Yoder and Peg Brand**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Emily Miller & Denise Anderson**
Greeters: **Ralph & Brenda King**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Richard & Dawn Krier**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 261
General Fund: \$7,876.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

April 24- GriefShare, 6:30pm
May 1- Stephen Ministers Supervision Group, 7:00pm
May 3- Stephen Ministers Supervision Group, 9:00am
May 8- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm
May 9- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
May 10- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

PRAYER REQUESTS

Physical Needs: Orris Basinger, Susan Kurtz, Dave Miller, Marcia Miller, Ivan Stutzman,

Sylvia Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Mary Sundheimer, Sam Troyer, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Braelyn Weaver, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Lizzie Ann Miller (Jewell Bontrager & Betty Troyer's mother), Ruth Mullet, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Mary Sundheimer; Lance Swartzentruber; Lynn & Tina Swartzentruber.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Ben and Laurel Woodward Breckbill serve as Mennonite Mission Network interns in Belfast alongside peacebuilders at Mediation Northern Ireland (Ben) and WAVE Trauma Centre (Laurel). Pray for them as they learn to share the good news with people who have experienced trauma, and to work together with them for justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ordination:** Next Sunday, April 30th, Jeff Hochstetler will be ordained to pastoral ministry. This will take place during the morning worship service. Following the morning worship service, there will be a fellowship meal with Jr. Schlabach providing chicken. We ask that you bring salads, sides, and desserts. Since there will be guests joining us for the worship service, please bring plenty of food to share.
- **The Elder Team nominations** will be taken Sunday, May 7th. Please prayerfully consider the names of those you wish to nominate for this important leadership role within our congregation.
- **Baptism Students:** On Sunday May 7th, the following students will join the body of Christ at Berlin Mennonite through baptism: Kate Bodiker, Braheim Omran, Yasser Omran, Colton Sommers, Noah Sommers, and Jared Yoder. Will you pray for them in the coming weeks as they prepare for this time where they commit their lives to the Kingdom of God and to the Body of Christ, here at Berlin Mennonite Church.
- **Join the church softball team!** We plan on playing in Dover's church league softball. Games will be played either Thursday or Friday night from May through August. The league is co-ed, so all adults are welcome. Cost is \$20/person. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- **GRADUATES:** Graduation Recognition Sunday will be held Sunday, May 21st during the worship hour. All college and high school graduates please turn in a photo and bio to the Church Office before May 7. The information can be emailed to secretary@berlinmennonite.org.
- **The Women of Influence presents Heal Our Families** on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9:00am-3:00pm at The Pier. Tickets are \$50. You can contact Verna Stutzman for more information.
- **Thank You!** We appreciate all the freezer meals that were prepared for us the past few weeks. It was such a help! ~Dave & Linda Miller.