
SERMON NOTES



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

May 14, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: STJ #13 "My Soul is Filled with Joy"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"My Lighthouse"

STJ #61 "How Can We Be Silent"

Psalm 31:1-5;15-16

"Good, Good Father"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Pastoral Prayer

Dismissal for Children's Church

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Message: "God's Love Never Fails!"

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:

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

FAITH TALK

Matthew 25:31–46: "Caring for those in need"

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

- (1) Read Matthew 25:34–36. Which act of service would be easiest for you to do?
- (2) Tell about a time when you were a stranger or in a new situation. Who welcomed you?
- (3) Make food to share with a neighbor or donate food to a local food pantry.

Did you know? Both sheep and goats dislike _____. (*Getting their feet wet.*)

Prayer for the week:

God, help us to be generous with our time, love, and money. 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:* **Brenda Hummel**
Song Leader: **Shelly Miller** *Offertory:* **Tiffany & Marcia Miller**
Usher: **Hank Raber** *Usher Next Sunday:*
Audio: **Dustin Yoder** *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**
Worship Nursery: **Karina Yoder & Mary Jane Chupp**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Denise Anderson & Carolyn Troyer**
Greeters: **Rod & Gail Mast**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Willis & Elsie Mast**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 237 **Sunday School: 150**
General Fund: \$10,669.88

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

May 14- Central Christian's Concert Choir at BMC, 7:00pm
May 18- BMC Softball Game, 7:30pm in Dover
May 20- Mongolian Breakfast, Farmstead, 7:30am
May 21- Graduation Recognition Sunday
May 25- Ascension Day
May 26- BMC Softball Game, 8:30pm in Dover
May 29- Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
June 1- BMC Softball Game, 8:30pm in Dover

PRAYER REQUESTS

Physical Needs: Orris Basinger, Lester Kaufman, Susan Kurtz, Dave Miller, Marcia Miller, Ivan Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Mary Sundheimer, Sam Troyer, 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), 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 Sam & Karen Troyer; Scott & Carolyn Troyer; Vaughn & Inga Troyer and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: On this Mother's Day, Mennonite Mission Network gives thanks for the women who have modeled God's love and helped to shape the church. Ask God to bless all the mothers in the world with food and homes for their children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Central Christian's Concert Choir:** This evening at 7:00pm Central Christian's Concert Choir, under the direction of Tim Shue, will be performing here at Berlin Mennonite. Please join us for the service and consider inviting friends, family and neighbors to attend the evening service.
- **Children's Church** will take place during the worship service this morning. Pre-school through grade 4 are encouraged to participate in this hour of learning. To keep children safe, a parent or grandparent **MUST** pick their child up after the Worship Service. Children are not allowed to leave on their own. Thank you for helping us keep the children of BMC safe.
- **Vacation Bible School:** VBS is quickly approaching and we are looking for volunteers. Please check the sign-up sheet beside Connie's office. Registration for students ages 4 through grade 6 begins Sunday May 21.
- **Reminder:** Please sign your name next to your favorite hymn for the high school graduates. Hymnals are on the table in the foyer. Graduation Recognition Sunday will be May 21st during the worship hour.
- **Branching Out:** Three years ago, our church elders asked the question: "What difference does Berlin Mennonite make for our community?" We want to be more than simply a place to go to on Sundays, we want to join God by shining the light of Christ in our community. We are making a difference. In addition to summer vacation bible school (evenings from June 11- 15), and regularly hosting Hiland soccer, several important things are now happening on our property. Every other Saturday, a group uses our building to collect platelets for the local blood bank. We are partnering with the American Red Cross to host blood drives every 56 days, beginning June 19. This summer, we invite you to use our new pavilion for lunch each Thursday from 11AM-1PM for a community socializing event called "Brown Bag Thursdays." Finally, we are responding to a community need by hosting a new preschool for 4 and 5-year-olds in our building this fall. A lot of good things are happening! Join us as we continue to consider how we can branch out in love.
- **Berlin Mennonite is celebrating 100 years and we invite you to join the celebration!** To kick-off the celebration year you are invited to join us for a picnic on Saturday, September 16 from 4-8 p.m. The evening will be filled with a food, music, memories, children's activities, and fellowship. The night will end with a hymn sing led by Tim Shue at 7:00 p.m. You are also invited to join us for a special worship service on Sunday, September 17 from 9-11 a.m. followed by a carry-in meal. Please join us as we celebrate the hand of God at work throughout a century at Berlin Mennonite Church. If you have any memorabilia that pertains to the history of Berlin Mennonite church (photos, letters, books etc.) we would love if you would share those with us. Please contact the church office at 330-893-2300 or email us at connie@berlinmennonite.org.