
SERMON NOTES



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

May 6, 2018

FAITH TALK

1 Samuel 25:1–35: “Abigail prevents war”

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 1 Samuel 25:32–35. What did Abigail do to stop war and violence?
- (2) Tell one thing you can do to make peace.
- (3) Listen to the song “Study War No More” / “Down by the Riverside” on YouTube.

Did you know? What board game involves apologies? *Sorry*

Prayer for the week: *God, there are many people suffering because of war. Help us to do what we can to make peace. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gathering of God’s People...

Opening songs: HWB #48 “All Creatures of our God and King”

HWB #76 “Praise, I Will Praise You Lord”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

“What a Beautiful Name It Is”

STJ #44 “The Love of God”

1 John 5:1-6

“My Lighthouse”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Message: “More Than A Feeling”

Responding...

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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 or during the week. Elder Team members are: Carol Gerber, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King, Leon Miller and Michael Stutzman.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Mark Leinbach**

Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Alexis**

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

Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**

Greeters: **Tom & Shannon Goad** *Next Week:* **Mark Gornto & Melody King**

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

Nursery Next Week: **Jodi Miller & Megan Weaver**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 179 **Sunday School: 87**

General Fund: \$5,760.38 **ALMS: \$100.00**

Central Christian: \$50.00 **MDS: \$30.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

May 6 – Baby shower for Benjamin Reed Stutzman, 2-4 pm

May 8- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

May 9- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

May 14- Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm

May 19- Mongolia Breakfast, Farmstead, 7:30am

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder, Karina 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 Erekson; SALT: Samuel Miller.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Marion & Laura Yoder and family; Sam Yoder; Tom & Angie Yoder and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Today, “Sent 2018” is concluding a three-day conference in Chicago where church planters worshiped and learned about resources for birthing missional congregations in the peace church tradition. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they implement what they learned in their communities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cystic Fibrosis Walk:** Come and support the family of Tony and Annelle Mullet (daughter, Micheala Blosser) and walk in memory and in honor of Marcia Miller at the 19th Annual Holmes County Great Strides Walk TODAY! The event will be held at Rails to Trails at the Hipp Station with registration beginning at 2:30pm and the walk at 3:00pm. Thank you for your support!
- **Baby Shower: TODAY from 2-4pm in the church fellowship hall.** Men and women are invited to this open house to welcome Benjamin Reid, son of Josh & Tiffany Stutzman, to our church community. Grandparents are Reid and Marcia Stutzman. Josh & Tiffany are registered at Babylist.com. Give a gently used children's book instead of a card.
- **Priscilla Shirer Live in conference will be held in Fort Wayne, IN August 24-25.** Tickets are \$59/each. This is a Friday evening/Saturday morning event. Money must be in by **TODAY** to Carolyn Caron. Call 330-231-0865 for more information. Carolyn will make motel reservations for the group.
- **Stephen Ministers** – reminder that the Area Wide Continuing Education meeting is Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm at the Kidron Mennonite Church.
- **Ladies Sewing:** meet Wednesday, May 9 beginning at 8:30 am. Plan now to help with quilting and tying, stay connected with the businesses portion and share in the fellowship. Luci Shank will have devotions. Plan to bring salad toppings and dressings to share. Lettuce, hot bread (compliments of Wes Maxwell) and dessert will be provided.
- **On Saturday, May 19, The Walking Roots Band,** a group from Harrisonburg, VA will be having a concert at 7 pm at Berlin Mennonite Church. The group is a folk and American band that reinterprets old gospel hymns for today. A freewill offering will be taken during the concert. On Sunday morning, the band will be our song leaders for our 10 am worship service.
- **The Berlin Church Family** is cordially invited to the wedding of Rochelle Croston and Seth Cady on Saturday, May 26 beginning at 2 pm. Cake and ice cream will be served following the service in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the secretary's office.
- **Be a part of the fun trip** to the production JESUS at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania planned for July 12 and 13. Registration information on bulletin board. Contact Susan Slagle or Verna Stutzman for details and to register. Only 50 seats available so make your wishes known as soon as possible.
- **I want to thank everyone** at Berlin for the continued support throughout my years at GC. Spiritually, financially, emotionally, my church congregation has been a great help for me during college which is something many college students can't say. As I look ahead to finishing my senior year next year, I am so grateful for the many people who've supported and believed in me so far. It means a great deal. With thanks, Rowan Miller
- **I want to say a huge thank you** to the congregation for the continuous love and support both financially and through thoughts and prayers. It means so much to know I have a supportive community that's invested in my future. My first year at Goshen has been incredibly transformative and I am very excited for the years to come. With love and gratitude, -Talia Miller.
- **Pledge forms for the 2018-2019** school year for the Central Christian Student Aid Fund, College Student Aid Fund, and Seminary Student Aid Fund have been emailed to the congregation. They are also available on the table next to the church office. If you wish to make pledges for any of the student aid funds for the coming school year, please complete your pledge forms and turn in by May 27th. Completed pledges can be placed in the mailboxes for Vaughn Troyer or Jill Basinger.