
SERMON NOTES



FAITH TALK

Numbers 22–24: “Balam, the donkey, and the angel”

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

- (1) Read Numbers 22:15–17. Have you ever wanted something bad to happen to someone else?
- (2) Say or write words of blessing to each other.
- (3) Celebrate God’s gift of animals! Talk about how animals can bring joy to our lives.

Did you know? The Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue group has rescued over 8,000 donkeys. Search online to learn more.

Prayer for the week: God, you speak to us in many ways: through our friends, family, coworkers, and all creation. Help us to pay attention. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

June 18, 2017

Gathering of God’s People . . .

Vacation Bible School Recap

Welcome

Announcements

Moment in Missions: Center of Hope

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

“My Lighthouse”

Psalm 116:1-2

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

HWB #327 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Children’s Moment

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Message: “Surprised by God”

Responding...

STJ #78 “We Will Walk with God”

Benediction

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact

Jeff Hochstetler, Selena Herrera, 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.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Jeff Hochstetler** *Worship Leader:* **Becky Kandel**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Caislyn Hummel**
Usher: **Howie Hatfield** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Rick Brand**
Audio: **Tony Yoder** *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**
Worship Nursery: **Denise Anderson & Lindsay Stutzman**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Angie Yoder & Peg Brand**
Greeters: **Joe & Wendy Miller**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Leon & Holly Miller**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 185 **Sunday School: 110**
General Fund: \$8,947.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

June 19- Red Cross Blood Drive at BMC, 1-7pm
June 21- Ladies Sewing, 8:30
July 3- Stephen Ministries Supervision Group, 7pm
July 4-8- MC USA Convention
July 5- Stephen Ministries Supervision Group, 9am
July 10- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm
July 11- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
July 12- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
August 4-5- MCC Relief Sale
August 8- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Physical Needs: Orris Basinger, Mary Ann Kandel, 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, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Joe & Janet Yoder; Jonas & Alice Yoder; Joshua Yoder.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: On this Father's Day, thank God for all the men who have cared for you and shared God's love with you. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all the fathers in the world so they can provide food and homes for their children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The new Elder Team members** for 2018 are Michael Stutzman & Carol Gerber. Michael & Carol received strong affirmation for serving in this capacity. We appreciate their leadership gifts and willingness to accept this position.
- **Thank You:** On behalf of Marlea, Merry Lynn, and Tracy, we would like to say thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and everyone in between. We are entirely grateful for your sacrifices of time and energy invested in to Vacation Bible School. We couldn't have done it without you!
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, June 19, from 1-7 p.m. Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** continue this Thursday, June 22nd from 11am-1pm! Bring a bagged lunch and have lunch at the pavilion. This is a time to visit and meet with others from the community. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Ladies Sewing:** Due to Vacation Bible School, Ladies Sewing will be held on Wednesday, June 21. Mary Ellen Gingerich will provide sandwiches and a cheese plate. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Communion:** Next Sunday, June 25, we will join in celebrating the death and resurrection of our Savior. We encourage you to take this week to prepare your hearts for this time.
- **Relief Sale:** For the last number of years BMC has been coordinating the Children's Auction at the Relief Sale. The Sale board has decided to discontinue that this year but BMC will instead focus our efforts on running a fruit smoothie stand. Sarah Yoder will be coordinating that project and would love to have your help. Please contact her if that is something you would enjoy helping with.
- **Central Christian School Preschool:** Central Christian School is opening a new preschool class at Berlin Mennonite Church starting August 23, 2017. Information can be found on Central's website: www.ccscomets.org or by contacting Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org.
- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found box is located on the coat rack on the North entrance of the church. Please take a moment to check the box. All items not claimed will be donated to Save & Serve in the next couple weeks.