
SERMON NOTES



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

July 1, 2018

FAITH TALK

Isaiah 65:17–25: “Peace for all”

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 Isaiah 65:25. Draw a picture of this peaceful scene.

Take turns adding things to the picture.

(2) Pray for situations where you see conflict and sadness instead of peace and joy.

(3) Take turns showing each other the most peaceful place for you in your home or yard.

Did you know? Saint Francis of Assisi was said to have made peace with a wolf by feeding it regularly.

Prayer for the week: God, we want to be part of creating a “new earth” where there is no weeping or distress. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gathering of God’s People...

Prelude

Opening Song: “Wa Hamba Nathi”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

“Come Walk With Us”

“Jesus Be The Center”

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Else”

“Mighty to Save”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Hebrews 10:25

Message: “Encourage...God’s Blessings to You!”

Responding...

“Hosanna”

“There is No One Like Jesus”

“Somlaldela”

HWB #118 “Praise God From Whom”

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

Sermon: **Deuzoumbe Chindebya Alexis** *Worship Leader:* **Ralph King**

Song Leader: **Deuzoumbe Chindebya Alexis & Friends**

Offertory: **Deuzoumbe Chindebya Alexis & Friends**

Usher: **Marion Yoder** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Hank Raber**

Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Josh Schlabach**

Greeters: **Richard & Becky Kandel**

Next Week: **Carson & Rachel Miller**

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

Nursery Next Week: **Megan Weaver & Susan Slagle**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 196 Sunday School: 101

General Fund: \$7,210.45

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

July 5- Brown Bag Thursday, (Log Cabin Express) 11am-1pm

July 9- BMC at New Grounds, 4-7pm

July 10- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

July 11- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

July 11- 9am, Stephen Ministries Supervision Group

July 12- Brown Bag Thursday, (Log Cabin Express) 11am-1pm

July 19- Brown Bag Thursday,

(Woodfire Pizza by Charm Sweet Shoppe) 11am-1pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, 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 Erikson; SALT: Samuel Miller.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Eric & Carol Gerber and family; Ben & Braylee Gerber; Chase & Hannah Gerber; Reid & Patience Gerber and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture teams are currently in Japan and Spain. Pray for them as they build cross-cultural relationships through assisting in the ministries of Akiko and Ray Epp at Menno Village in Japan and Alisha and Joshua Garber in Spain. Pray also for the team that will be serving with La Casa Grande in Benin later this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we welcome** Alexis' friends from Chad and Cameron. They are assisting Alexis in leading worship. We pray God's blessing on them and their work in their own communities.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays continue this Thursday, July 5th 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. Brown Bag Thursdays will take place each Thursday during July and August. This Thursday, Log Cabin Express food truck will be on site. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Attention all VBS volunteers!** We need you at a brief training (15-30 minutes) right after church on July 1st in the fellowship hall. We'll introduce you to the theme and help you catch the vision of our new curriculum. Please text, call, or talk to Shawna Boyd 330-465-9910 so we know who to expect. If you have a conflict, we'll arrange to meet with you on an individual basis. Keep filling out registration forms and inviting friends as well! It's going to be a great week!
- **Take me out to the ball game!** Friday, July 20th at 7:05PM, the church has reserved 42 seats for an Akron Rubber Ducks game versus the Richmond Flying Squirrels at Canal Park. Tickets cost \$8 per person and includes a firework show afterwards. Sign up outside the office or go to <https://groupmatics.events/event/Berlinmennonite> to reserve your ticket.
- **Berlin Mennonite will again be running and sponsoring the Real Fruit Smoothie Stand at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale August 3 & 4.** After a successful trial run last year, we want to invite and encourage congregation/community participation in this project. You can help in several ways. Volunteers are needed to work shifts during the sale Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. Please see the bulletin board beside Connie's office to sign up. If you can't volunteer your time, we are seeking monetary donations to cover the cost of fruit. Any donations we receive beyond the cost of fruit will be put toward the purchase of a Vita-mix blender. Currently we are using borrowed Vita-mixes but because this a long-term project for the church it is important for us to begin accumulating our own equipment. Please designate any donations "Relief Sale Smoothie". See Marlea Hershberger, Katie Troyer or Lisa Miller with questions. Thank you!
- **We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school** for the new school year. Sunday School begins September 9. We plan to have teams of three teachers. Class rosters and sign-ups are in the foyer. Thank you to all current volunteers!
- **On Monday, July 9th from 6:30-8:30pm** you are welcome to stop in at Myron & Sheryl Weaver's home to say goodbye to Alexis. The following morning, he will begin his journey back home to Chad.