
SERMON NOTES



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

July 2, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: STJ # 2 "Hamba Nathi" (Come, Walk with Us)

Welcome

Announcements

Sam Miller Sharing

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

HWB #575 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Psalm 89:1-4

STS #113 "I Will Stand in the Congregation"

STS #31 "Jesus, Be the Center"

Congregational Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Message: "The Grand Reunion"

Responding...

HWB #611 "Soon and Very Soon"

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.



FAITH TALK

2 Kings 4:8-37: "Elisha and the Shunammite woman"

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. For preschool children, use the "For families" section on the Early Childhood leaflet.

(1) Read 2 Kings 4:8-10. Talk about times you have welcomed people into your home.

(2) Make a welcome mat by weaving strips of construction paper.

(3) Make a card or give a small gift to show gratitude to someone who was kind to your family.

Did you know? The town of Shunem was conquered by two Egyptian pharaohs.

Prayer for the week: God, help me to make space in my home and my heart for others. May I put your love into action. 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

Sermon: **Ernest Hershberger** *Worship Leader:* **Sam Miller**
Song Leader: **Ralph King** *Offertory:* **Kelsey Hochstetler**
Usher: **Myron Schlabach** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Hank Raber**
Audio: **Dustin Yoder** *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Selena Herrera**
Worship Nursery: **Kelsey Hochstetler & Karina Yoder**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Carson & Rachel Miller and Mary Jane Chupp**
Greeters: **Maynard & Emily Miller**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Merle & Linda Miller**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 175 **Sunday School: 48**
General Fund: \$5,084.00 **Nicaragua Clinic: \$1,500.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erikson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Tony Yoder; Neil & Denise Anderson and family; Steven & Miranda Anderson.

Menonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Trinity Baptist Church in Ukraine is hosting a summer camp for adults with disabilities. Mary Raber of Menonite Mission Network requests prayer for this ministry as participants don't get opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. "War has made life even more difficult for people with disabilities and their families," she said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are grateful to have Ernie Hershberger here with us this morning!** Ernie has been a pastor in 7 Mennonite churches in Texas and Ohio since 1976. This includes a term at Berlin Mennonite from 1995-2011. Currently he serves as a chaplain for LifeCare Hospice, and as an interim/transitional pastor for Ohio Conference.
- **Sunday School Teachers/Caregivers:** We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School for preschool through JYF as well as caregivers for the nursery starting September 10. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the church office. Would you consider helping nurture the faith of children and youth at BMC? Any questions, see Jill Basinger or Jodi Miller.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** continue this Thursday, July 6th from noon-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!
- **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.
- **Camp Luz:** Summer programs are underway at Camp Luz. Spots are still available in most upcoming programs. Visit www.campluz.com for more information or to register your child.