
SERMON NOTES



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

July 29, 2018

FAITH TALK

John 15:1–17: “The vine and the branches”

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

- (1) Read John 15:1, 10. Jesus is talking to the disciples. Who is the vine grower?
- (2) Look at a grapevine together then eat grapes or drink grape juice.
- (3) Pretend to be a vine rooted in God’s love. How would you stand? What makes you sure of God’s love?

*Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “We are like trees.”

Did you know? Grapes are not used to make which two of the following: A) oil;

B) raisins; C) tortillas; D) vinegar; E) jelly; F) yogurt (C, F)

Prayer for the week: For bunches of grapes, for fruit on the vine, for your life and mine, we give God thanks. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gathering of God’s People...

Opening Song: “How Great is Our God”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

HWB #343 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

HWB #163 “Obey My Voice”

Ephesians 3:14-19

HWB #356 “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: John 6:1-21

Message: “Come as You Are, Offer What You Have... Regardless!”

Responding...

“All Who are Thirsty”

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: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Barry Hummel**

Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**

Usher: **Dennis Weaver**

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

Greeters: **Eric & Jodi Miller** *Next Week:* **Mark & Marlea Leinbach**

Nursery This Sunday: **Jodi & Julia Miller and Emily Miller**

Nursery Next Week: **Angie Yoder & Karina Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 162 Sunday School: 87

General Fund: \$8,390.29 MDS: \$30.00 Smoothie Stand: \$20.00

Special Offering: \$350.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

July 30- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm

August 3 & 4- MCC Relief Sale

August 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

August 14- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

August 20-25- Church Cleaning Week

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Ethel Mumaw, Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Karina Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wenger, Joe Yoder.

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 Lisa Holmes; Patty Huffman; Barry & Brenda Hummel.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Praise God with the Sicitic people of Burkina Faso who can now read the New Testament in their heart language. Pray for Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, who helped to launch this translation three decades ago, and for her husband, Daniel, as they continue God's work in Burkina.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, August 1st.** Please have all announcements turned in no later than 9am on Wednesday.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays continue this Thursday, August 2nd from 11am-1 pm!** 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. Log Cabin Express will be on site during this time. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Relief Sale Smoothie Stand:** We are still in need of volunteers on Saturday for the smoothie stand sponsored by Berlin Mennonite. Please consider joining the fun at the Relief Sale and signing up for a two-hour shift on Saturday if you are able. Sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the church lobby.
- **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!
- **Relief Sale Parker's still needed!** Reminder to call no later than August 1st if you can help park cars. Please call Bruce or Sherri Steiner at (330) 698-6482 for available time slots. Volunteers should be 16 years or older. Thank you for helping with this ministry.
- **No Sunday School on August 26th & September 2nd** On August 25th & 26th, the weekend will consist of Saturday evening activities including food and camping here at the church. This is in replacement of Church Weekend Out at Skyview Ranch. September 2nd is Labor Day and we will have a light snack in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- **The VBS committee would like to thank all volunteers** who participated in making VBS a big success by donating or lending items, sewing costumes, helping to decorate, volunteering during the week of VBS, and helping with teardown on Sunday! This was truly a team effort and a wonderful testimony of the generous community spirit among our members! Also, please pick up items that were borrowed for VBS. They can be found in the library area in the foyer.
- **I would like to thank the church family** for the support and donations to me as a college student. It means so much to me that I have a community that values me and my education and I am thankful for all the support I have received. ~Matt Troyer.
- **Youth Savings Week:** Stop by the Everence Federal Credit Union branch in Kidron for Youth Savings Week, August 6-10! We will discover the Science of Saving while having fun. The youth savings account rate is rising for the event, plus youths will receive \$5 if they deposit \$15 in a new or existing youth savings account! Learn more at everence.com/Northeastohio.