
SERMON NOTES



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

July 9, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #41 "Come Thou Almighty King"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Dedication of Malachi Boyd, Brayden Miller, Gillespy Miller & Marek Miller

Praising God's Name . . .

STS #47 "Let the Children Come to Me"

Psalm 145: 8-14

"Kyrie Eleison"

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"

Congregational Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Hearing God's Word . . .

Poem: Missy Herrera

Scripture: Matthew 21:18-22

Message: "What About the Fig Tree?"

Responding...

FHP #391 "I Surrender All"

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

Book of Esther: "Queen Esther"

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 Esther 2:7. Name all the members of your family as well as other people who have become like family.
- (2) Is there any issue of justice today about which you feel particularly called to speak out?
- (3) Make a crown with a star on it to remember Esther's bravery.

Did you know? The book of Esther is read aloud at the Jewish feast of Purim. As it is read, people make loud noise so that the name _____ cannot be heard. (Haman)

Prayer for the week: God of justice, give us the courage and boldness of Esther to speak up on behalf of others. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: Selena Herrera *Worship Leader: Vaughn Troyer*
Song Leader: Vaughn Troyer *Offertory: Jizelle Miller*
Usher: Hank Raber *Usher Next Sunday: Roger Dunn*
Audio: Tony Yoder *Visual: Hunter Yoder* *PowerPoint: Josh Schlabach*
Worship Nursery: Carson & Rachel Miller and Mary Jane Chupp
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: Denise Anderson & Lindsay Stutzman
Greeters: Merle & Linda Miller
Greeters Next Sunday: Mervin & Leona Miller

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 162 **Sunday School: 85**
General Fund: \$10,956.00 **Student Aid: \$2,000.00**
Sam Miller Missions: \$2,065.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

July 10- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm

July 11- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

July 12- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

July 15- Mongolia Breakfast; 7:30am at Farmstead

August 4-5- MCC Relief Sale

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

August 9- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

August 21- Central Christian Preschool at BMC Open House, 6:30-7:30pm

August 21- Mongolia Mission Partnership Banquet, 6:30pm at Carlisle in Walnut Creek

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 Erekson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Jill Basinger and family; Orris & Lois Basinger; Scott & Stacey Beck.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are beginning the North American portion of their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network and Goshen (Ind.) College. Pray for this two-way mission and for the family as they adapt to living in the United States for the next six months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are happy to have Selena Herrera here at BMC as an Interim Pastor this summer!** Selena is recent Indiana Wesleyan University graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministries. She hopes to use her degree and experience in life pursuing refugee work in Athens, Greece this coming fall, and hopefully, for a very long time there after! She is excited to share this morning.
- **Help support New Grounds** by bringing your family and friends to BMC Family Night at New Grounds. Join us Monday, July 10, anytime from 4-7pm for great food and fellowship while we help support God's work at New Grounds.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** continue this Thursday, July 13th 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!
- **Ladies Sewing:** Berlin Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday for quilting and knotting. Mary Ellen Gingerich will present a trunk show. Brenda King will serve as hostess and provide a bowl of lettuce. Please bring the salad topping you signed up for or a dessert to share.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Mark your calendar for the Mongolia Mission Partnership Banquet** on August 21st at Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek. Banquet begins at 6:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board outside of the secretary's office. Deadline to register is August 13th.
- **Save & Serve News--**Save & Serve will again be receiving an international volunteer - a young man - from Bangladesh. This marks the ninth year that we have participated in this cross-cultural program with Mennonite Central Committee. The term begins mid-August 2017 and runs through mid-July 2018. Please contact Eric Raber at the store if you would like to learn about hosting our IVEPer in your home. **Furniture Pick-Up.** Need help with the big stuff? Save & Serve is now offering free furniture pickup for qualifying furniture. This service is staffed by volunteers and requires scheduling in advance. **Processing Large Items.** To keep growing our service, Save & Serve is looking for help in order to evaluate, clean, price and stock large items and furniture on a daily basis. Consider joining our volunteer community and advance the mission of Save & Serve. Contact Zack Miller or Eric Raber at the store. Telephone 330-674-1323.