
SERMON NOTES



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

August 13, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: "Here I am to Worship"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

God in the Everyday

Praising God's Name . . .

STS #31 "Jesus Be the Center"

"Ancient of Days"

Psalms 105:1-5, 45b

"Speak O Lord"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Children's Story

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Message: "So, what in the World is God up to, Anyway?"

Responding...

"The River"

Sending of Gene & Candace Miller

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

John 3:1–21: "Nicodemus visits Jesus"

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

- (1) Read John 3:14–15. Which Old Testament character does Jesus refer to in his conversation with Nicodemus?
 - (2) Make "new life" drawings. For instance, draw a winter tree and a spring tree. Or draw a nest with bird eggs and then a nest with baby birds.
 - (3) Talk about a time you made a mistake and needed a fresh start.
- Did you know? The In-N-Out Burger chain prints "John 3:16" on the inside of the bottom rim of their paper cups.

Prayer for the week: Spirit of God, breathe in us. Show us how to walk in your light. 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

Message: **James Krabill** *Worship Leader:* **Vaughn Troyer**
Song Leader: **Shelly Miller** *Offertory:* **Quintet**
Usher: **Howie Hatfield** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Rick Brand**
Audio: **Hunter Yoder** *Visual:* **Tony Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Josh Schlabach**
Worship Nursery: **Carson & Rachel Miller & Mary Jane Chupp**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Denise Anderson & Lindsay Stutzman**
Greeters: **Tom & Sharon Mullet**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Jason & Jolene Peterson**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 199	Sunday School: 98
General Fund: \$9,863.85	College Student Aid: \$1,050.00
Central Christian: \$200.00	Church Education: \$400.00
Selena Mission Trip: \$100.00	Seminary Aid: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

August 14- Red Cross Blood Drive at BMC, 1-7pm (pizza will be provided!)

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

August 26-27- Church Weekend Out, Skyview Ranch

September 16- 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

PRAYER REQUESTS

Physical Needs: Orris Basinger, Mary Ann Kandel, Susan Kurtz, Dave Miller, Marcia Miller, Geri Morgan, 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 Warren & Sylvia Foster; Tammy Fyock; Eric & Carol Gerber and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Alisha and Josh Garber are beginning an assignment in Spain with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language and culture and as they serve alongside the leaders of the Barcelona Mennonite Church, focusing on youth outreach and congregational mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are pleased to welcome James Krabill** to Berlin Mennonite today. James and his wife, Jeanette, spent nearly 14 years living and teaching in Ivory Coast. The Krabills have also lived in Paris and in Birmingham, England. He is now a Senior Mission Advocate for Mennonite Mission Network and speaks to churches offering insights on how the North American church can learn from the church around the world. He is the author and editor of several books and has taught courses at several colleges and universities. James is a member of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana. He and his wife have three adult children: Matthew, Elisabeth and Mary Laura.
- **Come join us at "Share" on Monday night at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary for an evening of fellowship and testimony from the members within our congregation! See you there!
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, August 14, from 1-7 p.m. Pizza AND \$5 Walmart gift cards given to participants! Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** continue this Thursday, August 17th, from noon-1pm! A food truck will be on site selling food. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Church Cleaning Week will take place August 21-25.** A cleaning schedule has been placed in mailboxes. Group leaders are responsible for contacting their helpers to schedule a suitable time to clean their designated area. All cleaning needs to be completed by Friday, August 25th. Instructions can be found on the schedule. Please contact Linda Miller at 330-231-1369 if you have questions.
- **Mark your calendars** for the annual church camp out to be held at Skyview Ranch on August 26 and 27. Activities will begin at noon on Saturday and run through Sunday afternoon. Sign-ups are in the hallway.
- **Volunteer Recognition Breakfast:** In honor of those committed to ministry within our church family, we wish to invite the congregation to a breakfast of recognition and thanks. Please join us Sunday, August 20th to celebrate those who have served in ministry within the past year. A buffet style breakfast will be served from 8:45am – 9:45am prior to the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend.
- **Attention:** The September Berlin Beacon is now in progress. Susan Slagle is asking that any article you wish to share with the congregation be placed in her mail box by Monday, August 21. The newsletter team (Stacey, Anita, and Susan) would like to revamp this publication and are asking for information concerning upcoming event and activity (Ladies sewing, youth, Life Groups, Sunday School classes, college students, mission etc.) items to be shared. Centennial dates, and more. We will also highlight upcoming meeting dates that involve the life of the church. Other items such as recipes, table graces, poetry, writings, etc. are also needed and will be printed as space allows. Items may also be emailed to Susan at susangarwick@yahoo.com.