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## SERMON NOTES

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

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**August 19, 2018**

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### Gathering of God's People...

Opening Songs: "There's No One There's No One Like Jesus"

STJ #2 "Come Walk With Us"

Welcome

Announcements

Back to School Commissioning

Call to Worship/Invocation

### Praising God's Name . . .

HWB #336 "When Peace Like a River"

HWB #545 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading- The Light of Christ  
" My Lighthouse"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

### Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

Message: "Proclaiming the Kingdom Now"

### Responding...

Sharing: Shelly, Howie, Yasser, Myron and Sheryl

Sending Blessing

Song "This Little Light of Mine"

### 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.

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## FAITH TALK

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### Leviticus 23:33–43; Deuteronomy 16:13–15: "Celebrating the harvest"

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 Deuteronomy 16:13–15. Name the groups of people who were meant to celebrate together.
- (2) The festival of booths lasts seven days. Which holiday would you enjoy celebrating for seven days?
- (3) What crops grow in your region? Try to eat several locally-grown foods this week.

Did you know? Sukkot is celebrated by Jews around the world. It comes directly after what other Jewish holy day? (Yom Kippur)

Prayer for the week: God, we rejoice at the abundance of food the earth provides. Help us share so that all have what they need. Amen.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Berlin Mennonite Church - BOX 217 - Berlin, Ohio 44610**

**Church Phone: 330-893-2320**

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM**

Connie (Secretary) - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9am-3pm

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Sermon:* **Jeff Hochstetler**

*Worship Leader:* **Mark Leinbach**

*Song Leader:* **Jesse Miller**

*Offertory:* **Grace Schlabach**

*Usher:* **Allan Miller**

*Usher Next Week:* **Rick Brand**

*Audio & Visual:* **Seth Cady/Tony Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**

*Greeters:* **Rod & Gail Mast** *Next Week:* **Albert & Julie Miller**

*Nursery This Sunday:* **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 167    Sunday School: 75**

**General Fund: \$7,183.25**

**College Student Aid: \$7,050.00    MDS: \$70.00    Alexis: \$150.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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August 20-25- Church Cleaning Week

August 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>- Church Weekend

September 30- Baby Shower for Jesse & Lisa Miller, 2-4pm

October 2-30- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30am-11am

October 14- Annual Business Meeting, carry in meal following worship

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

**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 Ed Kline; John & Deb Kline and family.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has served with LCC International University in Lithuania through teaching and administration ministries for 16 years. Pray for her as she continues in this role and as she gives hope to refugees through educational opportunities.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Brown Bag Thursdays continue** this Thursday, August 23rd 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. Charm Sweet Shoppe's Wood Fire Pizza Truck will be on site during this time. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Church Cleaning Week** will take place August 20-25. A cleaning schedule has been emailed out and extra copies are on the table in the foyer. 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 Saturday, August 25th. Instructions can be found on the schedule. Please contact Linda Miller at 330-231-1369 if you have questions.
- **No Sunday School** on August 26th & September 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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. There are sign-ups for the weekend on the table in the foyer. On Saturday there will be swimming at Barry & Brenda Hummel's pool from 12:30-2:30pm and again from 2:30-4:30pm. Games at the church will begin at 4pm and Charm Sweet Shoppe's wood fire pizza truck will be on site at 6pm. Please bring chips and salads to accompany the pizza. Tent camping is available Saturday evening in the field behind the church. On Sunday, worship will begin at 10am in the pavilion. Jr's chicken will be served for lunch following the service. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. September 2nd is Labor Day and we will have a light snack in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- **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!
- **A Ladies Bible Study** will be offered this fall right here at Berlin Mennonite! Mark your calendars for Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am beginning October 2 and ending October 30. Workbooks are \$15. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Secretary's office. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Caron.
- **Nick and Ashlie Hershberger, missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea**, are looking for a home to rent with their four children while they are home on furlough from January through July 2019. They are looking for a 3 bedroom, 1 or 2-bathroom home with internet and cell service available. Their home congregation is Walnut Creek Mennonite. If you have any leads, please contact them at [nick\\_hershberger@wycliffe.org](mailto:nick_hershberger@wycliffe.org).
- **Please pick up any items donated to VBS today!** Unmarked and unclaimed items will be donated to Share and Care.
- **Electronic Funds Transfer:** Keep in mind that Berlin Mennonite provides the option for donors to set up automatic bank transfers as a way for weekly/monthly giving. There is no charge to the donor. For details look for the forms that are located outside the church office or contact Jill Basinger, BMC Treasurer. Thanks!