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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 20, 2017

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

Opening Song: "Come Thou Fount"

Welcome

Announcements

Delegate Sharing

Moment in Missions- Mongolia Partnership

Call to Worship/Invocation

God in the Everyday- Cameron Miller

#### Praising God's Name . . .

"Your Grace is Enough"

Psalm 67

"Holy Holy Holy"

"Kyrie Eleison"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

#### Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 15:10-28

Message: "Trusting in God's Mercy"

#### Responding...

HWB #145 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Back to School Commissioning

#### 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.



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### FAITH TALK

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#### Acts 8:4–8, 26–40: "Philip and the Ethiopian official"

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

(1) Read Acts 8:29–31, 35. Who helps you understand the Bible?

(2) Philip met an interesting traveler. What interesting people have you met on a trip?

(3) Take turns filling in the blank. "The good news is for \_\_\_\_ (name of person).

**Did you know?** What is a chariot drawn by four horses called? (quadriga)

**Prayer for the week:** Thank you, God, that the good news of Jesus is for all people. Amen.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

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

Myron (Pastor) - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9am-3pm

Jeff (Family Life Pastor) Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Message:* **Jeff Hochstetler**      *Worship Leader:* **Selena Herrera**  
*Song Leader:* **Jesse Miller**      *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**  
*Usher:* **Rick Brand**      *Usher Next Sunday:* **Myron Schlabach**  
*Audio:* **Tony Yoder**      *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder**      *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**  
*Worship Nursery:* **Denise Anderson & Lindsay Stutzman**  
*Worship Nursery Next Sunday:* **Angie Yoder and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**  
*Greeters:* **Jason & Jolene Peterson**  
*Greeters Next Sunday:* **Yasser & Renee Omran**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 197**      **Sunday School: 101**  
**General Fund: \$7,421.56**      **Student Aid: 17,700.00**  
**Selena Missions Trip: \$200.00**      **Cesar EMU Tuition: \$50.00**  
**Nicaragua Clinic: \$1,500.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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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 3- No Sunday School, Fellowship Breakfast begins at 9am  
September 11- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm  
September 12- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm  
September 13- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am  
September 16- 100 Year Anniversary Celebration  
October 1- Annual Church Business Meeting

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**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), 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 Ben & Braylee Gerber; Reid & Patience Gerber and family; Tom & Shannon Goad and family.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons spent July in North America speaking on behalf of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they return to South Africa, working with Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to achieve 2020 vision: 20 trained conflict mediators in 20 communities by 2020.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **The affirmation vote for the 2017-2018 slate was approved by 100%.** We want to thank those who participated in the vote and those who were a part of the slate. May God's blessing rest upon all who begin their new term of service.
- **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!
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** continue this Thursday, August 24th, 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.
- **Next Week is the annual church camp out** and will 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 and more information can be found in your church mailbox.
- **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](mailto:susangarwick@yahoo.com).
- **Upcoming seminars to answer questions about Medicare and Social Security:** Most people approaching retirement have questions about Medicare and Social Security. Two upcoming seminars presented by Everence Financial will provide answers. Medicare: An overview (5:30 - 6:45 p.m.) will provide information on what's covered, the plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. Social Security: An overview (7 - 8:15 p.m.) will explain how benefits are calculated, the best time to start collecting Social Security, and about spousal benefits. The seminars will take place in Berlin (Aug. 28) at Comfort Suites® Hotel, 4810 TR 366 and Kidron (Sept. 11) at Everence Financial, 4136 Kidron Road. Reservations are not required. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the hallway for more information or contact Jodi Miller.
- **The church office will be publishing our annual college student directory.** All college students, or their parents, are encouraged to submit the university name, address, telephone number, email, and status (freshman, sophomore, etc.) to the office as soon as possible. Please contact us even if the information has not changed from last year. You can do so by emailing [secretary@berlinmennonite.org](mailto:secretary@berlinmennonite.org) or placing the information in Connie Weaver's church mailbox.