
SERMON NOTES



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

August 6, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #651 "I Owe the Lord a Morning Song"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

God in the Everyday- Anne Hummel

Praising God's Name . . .

HWB #521 "Come Thou Fount"

"Together"

Isaiah 55:1-5

"All Who Are Thirsty"

Congregational Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

Message: "Finding God in Our Struggle"

Responding...

HWB #503 "Come, O thou Traveler Unknown"

Commissioning of Sam Miller-- SALT

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

Luke 19:1–10: "Zacchaeus responds"

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

(1) Read Luke 19:8–10. Talk about how Jesus changed the way Zacchaeus lived.

How has Jesus changed the way you live?

(2) Practice hospitality. Invite a guest to your house for a meal.

(3) Jesus became a friend to Zacchaeus. Who needs your love and friendship?

Did you know? The sycamore tree (*ficus sycomorus*) has a fig-like fruit that grows directly from the trunk of the tree.

Prayer for the week: *God, change us so that we grow more loving. Chip away at our mean-spirited ways. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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Website: www.berlinmennonite.org

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Jeff Hochstetler** *Worship Leader:* **Selena Herrera**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **Madeline & Laura Troyer**
Usher: **Allan Miller** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Howie Hatfield**
Audio/Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Peg Brand**
Worship Nursery: **Emily Miller & Karina Yoder**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Carson & Rachel Miller & Mary Jane Chupp**
Greeters: **Hal & Geri Morgan**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Tom & Sharon Mullet**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 183 **Sunday School: 88**
General Fund: \$8,983.10 **College Student Aid: \$4,700.00**
Central Christian: \$6,800.00 **MDS: \$300.00** **Mongolia-Tonya: \$150.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

August 4-5- MCC Relief Sale

August 7- Stephen Minister Continuing Education, 7pm

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

August 9- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

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 Vickie Darby; Roger & Pat Dunn; Titus & Debora Dutcher and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the 30 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who are beginning assignments in nine locations – Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago; Elkhart, Indiana; Manhattan, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **He Walks with Us** -- Making informed decisions with direction from Hospice, Funeral Home, and person recovering from grief. Please join us August 7th, 6:45 pm for fellowship, 7 - 8 pm presentation and questions. Sponsored by Stephen Ministries.
- **Ladies Sewing:** Berlin Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday for quilting and knotting. Elsie Mast will have devotions. Ethel Mumaw & Clara Kauffman will be providing Ham Balls and sweet potatoes. Please bring a side dish to share.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** continue this Thursday, August 10th, from noon-1pm! A food truck will be on site selling food. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **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-up sheets are on the table in the hallway.
- **The 2017 Girls Jamboree** is coming up in just under two weeks, which means the registration deadline is a week from today. All forms, including the registration form are available at <http://www.campluz.com/girls-jamboree.html>. We have several registrations in already and want to make sure your church doesn't miss out.
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 14, from 1-7 p.m. Pizza AND \$5 Walmart gift cards given to participants! Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **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.
- **The trustees would like to share that they approached Steve Schlabach about a land swap of roughly an acre behind our church, for about \$30,000.** Some of this land we own includes a steep drop on the East side that isn't currently suitable for the church's needs. We are proposing to sell this sloped land, 60 feet all along the east side of the property, back to Steve for the original price paid. That money gained from the sale will be put in an account to help build a walking trail, which will adjoin our property and the new cemetery. Stakes have been installed for reference to where the new property line will be. The trustees are recommending this sale. Church Council plans to vote on the sale at their next meeting on August 8. The trustees welcome your comments. For questions or concerns, please contact our trustees: Perry Chupp, Paul (Sarah) Miller, or Bob Slagle.
- **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.
- **Thank you** so much for all the food, cards, calls, texts, hugs and prayers as we mourned the loss of Chad. He will be greatly missed. Your support during this time is greatly appreciated. ~Scott & Stacey Beck and Erica Reinford.