
SERMON NOTES



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

September 23, 2018

Listening to the Voice of God

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Songs: "Our God"
STJ #42 "Listen, God is Calling"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"These are the Days of Elijah"
Psalm 25:1-10

HWB #548 "Teach Me Thy Truth"
"Speak O Lord"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Colossians 1:3-14

Message: Filled with the Knowledge of His Will

Responding...

HWB #599 "He Leadeth Me"

Benediction

About our speaker:

Marcus Yoder was born to an Amish family in the heart of Amish Country. His family later moved to the Mennonite church where Marcus take an active role in preaching, teaching, and writing. He is the executive Director of the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center. In his thirties, Marcus decided to return to school and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in History from the Ohio State University in 2010, and a Master's Degree in the History of Christianity from Yale University in 2015. He enjoys reading, writing, painting, and spending time with his wife Norita.

FAITH TALK

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 8:30–35. 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)."

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "The Good Shepherd and the wolf."

Did you know? What is a chariot drawn by four horses called? <quadriga>

Prayer for the week: *God, give us the courage to share the good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

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

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Marcus Yoder** *Worship Leader:* **Peg Brand**

Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer**

Offertory: **Karen Beechy and Luci Shank** *Usher:* **Howie Hatfield**

Audio & Visual: **Elliot Yoder/Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**

Greeters: **Maynard & Emily Miller** *Next Week:* **Merle & Linda Miller**

Nursery This Sunday: **Karina Yoder and Zak & Shawn Boyd**

Nursery Next Week: **Jodi Miller and Julia Miller**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 170 Sunday School: 112

General Fund: \$6,573.00 MDS: \$50.00

Scissors: \$20.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

September 24 – Red Cross Blood Drive , 1-6 pm

September 26-Stephen Ministry Meeting, 9 am

October 3- Family Night 6-8 pm

October 8 – BMC at New Grounds, 4-7 pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Ed Kline, Ethel Mumaw, Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, and Susan Sullivan.

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 Erikson.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week Bonnie Miller; Carson & Rachel Miller and family; Dave & Linda Miller.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: For the past four decades, Janie and Neal Blough have planted Anabaptist seeds through teaching and lecturing from their base at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for good fruit to continue to grow from their ministry in Europe and throughout the French-speaking world.

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact

Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team either after worship or during the week. Elder Team members are:

Carol Gerber, Becky Kandel, Ralph King, Leon Miller, Michael Stutzman and Vaughn Troyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Christian Education Dept. has place forms** in each mailbox of families with youth under age 18. These forms fulfill BMC's policy on child protection and abuse that was established in 2015. All information will be kept confidential. If you have any questions about the policy, please contact Jeff or Emily. Please return the completed forms to Jeff.
- **Moving for Balance** will be offered by the Holmes County Health Dept. in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. through November 16.
- **Sign up for Bible Memory in the lobby today.** If you are interested in signing up as a memorizer (preschool through adult), a grader or a listener for Bible Memory please sign up at the table in the foyer this morning. Dates to remember:
 - September 16-23 – Sign up
 - September 24-28 – email sent to memorizers with their verses
 - October 7 – 1st day to recite memorized verse and pick up your first lesson
- **Painting with a Purpose: MEDA's Women Empowering Women** Holmes County gathering, led by artist Marlea Hershberger Leinbach, will meet on Monday, Oct. 8 at New Grounds Café. Canvas and supplies will be provided for a suggested minimum of \$25 per person. All proceeds support MEDA's Ghana project. Sessions run from 6:30-8 pm; beverages may be purchased by 6:15. RSVP by Oct. 1 to Eva Keim at EBKEIM@YAHOO.COM or 330-763-4317. There is a limit of 25 participants.
- **The annual Save & Serve Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** will be held Monday, October 9, 6 pm at Carlisle Inn of Walnut Creek. The program will feature new administrator and spouse, Dan & Jeanne Jantzi. Please register by calling Save & Serve at 330-674-1323.
- **Wednesday Family Nights** will take place this fall from October 10 through November 14.
- **A Ladies Bible Study "Breathe"** by Priscilla Shirer will be offered this fall right here at Berlin Mennonite! Mark your calendars for Tuesday Morning From 9:30-11 am beginning October 2 through October 30. Workbooks are \$15. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Secretary's office. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Caron.
- **Songs and Salsa, Open Arms Hispanic** Ministry will feature the musical group *Honeytown* on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm. Come share the fellowship, music and light refreshments at Kidron Park Community Building and bring a friend to this free-will offering event.
- **Take a moment to check** your calendar for birthday and anniversaries. Any updates needed for the 2019 Church calendar maybe be dropped off at the church Secretary's office before October 15.
- **Mark your calendar for October 7** as BMC will host guest speakers from Nicaragua during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. All adult Sunday School classes, MYF, and JYF are invited to hear their message during this allotted time.