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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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**September 30, 2018**

*Listening to the Voice of God*

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**Gathering of God's People...**

Opening Song: STS #40 "Som'landela" (We will Follow)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

**Praising God's Name . . .**

HWB #327 "Great is Their Faithfulness"

HWB #340 "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Psalm 121

"Your Love Defends Me"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

**Hearing God's Word . . .**

Scripture: Psalm 121

Message: The Spiritual Discipline of Pilgrimage

**Responding...**

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"

**Benediction**

*About our speakers:*

*Terry and Kay Shue come to us today from Kidron area where Kay teaches high school music at Orrville High and Terry works at Central Christian School. They are best known to us as the grandparents of Ella, Ava and Amelia Hochstetler!*

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## FAITH TALK

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**Exodus 2:23–3:22: "Moses and the burning bush"**

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

(1) Read Exodus 2:23–25. Tell about a time you cried out to God for help.

(2) Draw a bush. On the branches write ways your family can follow God this week.

(3) Tell about a place that is holy ground for you.

\*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "Moses is saved."

**Did you know?** *What four Hebrew letters make up the name for God revealed to Moses? <"yod" Y, "he" H, "waw" W, "he" H>*

**Prayer for the week:** *God, you know our pain and our suffering. You walk with us. We are grateful. 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**

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

Walt Morton (Intentional Interim Pastor) Tuesday and 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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*Sermon: Terry and Kay Shue* *Worship Leader: Brenda Hummel*

*Song Leader: Jesse Miller*

*Offertory: Grace Schlabach*

*Usher: Wes Maxwell*

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

*Greeters: Merle & Linda Miller* *Next Week: Mervin and Leona Miller*

*Nursery This Sunday: Jodi Miller and Julia Miller*

*Nursery Next Week: Emily Miller and Rachel & Caron Miller*

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 179** **Sunday School: 101**

**General Fund: \$4,889.00** **MDS: \$175.00**

**Scissors: \$40.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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

October 9 – Meeting Night 7 pm, Council 8 pm

October 10 - Ladies Sewing, 8:30 am; Family Night, 6-8 pm

October 12 – Gospel Bluegrass, 6:30-8 pm

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**Health Needs:** Lorene Maxwell, Ed Kline, 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 Erekson;

**Families in Focus:** Please pray specifically this week Eric and Jodi Miller and family; Gene & Candance Miller and family; and Jesse and Lisa Miller.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Pray for leaders of the Ghana Mennonite Church and Good News Theological Seminary as they share Jesus' message that transforms lives and societies.

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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Baby shower for Jesse and Lisa Miller** in fellowship hall from 2-4 pm today.
- **Welcome cards are encouraged** for Walt and Suzanne Morton. Please deposit cards in basket by Sunday, Oct 7.
- **A Congregational Informational Survey** for Pastor Walt is in each mailbox. Complete directives appear on the form. Please return the completed form to Walt as soon as possible. More copies of this survey are available on the table by the secretary's office.
- **We are choosing to focus** on prayer the month of October as a congregation. A prayer calendar has been placed in your mailbox to use as a guide this month. The suggested daily prayers will also be texted out each day to those who receive the church's text messages. Please join the congregation in covering the body of Christ in prayer the month ahead. – The Worship Committee
- **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:  
October 7 – 1st day to recite memorized verse and pick up your first lesson
- **Wednesday Family Nights** will take place this fall from October 10 through November 14. The meal will begin at 6 pm with activities for all ages from 7-8 pm.
- **Plan now to be** a part of the Carry- In Meal scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14 after the worship service. Following the food and fellowship, members are encouraged to stay for Annual Meeting.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Berlin Mennonite will again collect** laundry detergent to assist the Share-A-Christmas program. All donations need to be at church no later Sunday, November 26. Any questions may be directed to Jr. Schlabach.