
SERMON NOTES

FAITH TALK

Luke 2:1–20: “Jesus’ birth”

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story. For pre-school children, use the “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet.

- (1) Read Luke 2:15–20. I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt when they saw and heard the shepherds.
- (2) Tell the Christmas story together, taking turns saying one sentence each.
- (3) Say “Merry Christmas” in another language or sing a carol in another language.

Did you know? *What food is named after shepherds? <shepherd’s pie>*

Prayer for the week: *God of great joy, with the shepherds we marvel at Jesus’ coming. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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BERLIN

Mennonite Church

Rooted in Jesus. Growing in Faith. Branching out in Love.

Sunday School: 9 am

Worship: 10 am

December 23, 2018

LOVE

On this final Sunday of Advent we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God's people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God's greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace and our example.

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Song: Special Music: Choir

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

HWB 201: "Hark! The Herald Angles Sing"

HWB 199: "The First Noel"

Psalm 80:1-7

STS 28: "Holy Child within the Manger"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Hearing God's word...

Children's Story: Love

Message: Love Revealed: What triggers God's love?"

Scripture: John 1:1-4, 14, John 3:16-21 John 1:10-13

Responding...

Communion "God in Flesh!"

STJ 44: "The Love of God"

Benediction

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Walt Morton** *Worship Leader:* **Jeff Hochstetler**

Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Lucy Shank**

Usher: **Marion Yoder** *Next Week:* **Roger Dunn**

Children's Story: **Mike & Megan Mullet**

Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder /Elliott Yoder** *Power Point:* **Ernie Hershberger**

Today Greeters:

Mark & Amy Schlabach

Nursery This Sunday:

Karina Yoder & Jodi Miller

Greeter Next Week:

Myron & Linda Schlabach

Nursery Next Week:

Lindsay & Michael and Shawna & Zac

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 169

Sunday School: 91

General Fund: \$8190.00

Alexis: \$100.00 Caesar Education Fund: \$200.00

Capital Fund: \$3075.00 MDS: \$100.00 EMU: \$ 500.00

Health Needs: Lorene Maxwell, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, and Susan Sullivan.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder, and Mary Ann Kandel.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; RAM – Nicaraguan families.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for: Bob & Susan Slagle; Steve & Merry Lynn Sigrist Straits and Family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: In this season of "Peace on earth, goodwill to all people," Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.

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