
SERMON NOTES

QUOTE

“We have the divine image within us, hopefully we grow into the divine likeness.” - Richard Rohr

FAITH TALK

Mark 2:1–12: “The man through the roof”

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

- (1) Read Mark 2:3–5. Why were these friends so determined?
- (2) What is the best thing a friend ever did for you?

- (3) Have each person draw a different part of the story. Then retell the story together.

Did you know? Palestinian houses had flat roofs made of reeds covered with mud. The mud dried to tile-like hardness.

Prayer for the week: God, thank you for friends who support us in times of struggle. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

January 14, 2018

Gathering of God’s People . . .

Opening Song: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains are Gone)

Psalm 101:1-6

“Take My Life”

STS #31 “Jesus Be the Center”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: I Corinthians 6:12

Message: “It Is Time to Look for Balance”

Responding...

HWB #575 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Benediction

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

Myron Weaver, Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the

Elder Team members, either after worship today

or during the week. Elder Team members are:

Carol Gerber, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King, Leon Miller and

Michael Stutzman

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Inga Troyer**
Song Leader: **Shelly Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**
Usher: **Roger Dunn** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Jr Schlabach**
Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Rochelle Croston**
Greeters: **Art & Jo Yoder** *Next Week:* **Cal & Sharon Yoder**
Nursery This Sunday: **Carson & Rachel Miller and Megan Weaver**
Nursery Next Week: **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 171 Sunday School: 103
General Fund: \$5,508.00 ALMS: \$350.00 Open Arms: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

January 20- Mongolia Breakfast, 7:30am, Farmstead
January 29- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm
February 7- Family Night
February 12- Family Night at New Grounds; 4-7pm
February 13- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
February 14- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
February 14- Family Night/ Ash Wednesday Service

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Marcia Miller, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson; SALT: Samuel Miller.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Yasser & Renee Omran and family; Jason & Jolene Peterson and family; Ralph Phillabaum.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Kristin and Mike Sharp of Mennonite Mission Network serve as community hosts for Round Chapel in the East End of London. Pray for them and their two daughters as they engage the congregational vision of "living out God's warm embrace" in an area with many homeless people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2018 Directory** has been updated and printed. The directory is a copy of the Instant Church Directory that can be downloaded on your phone or can be accessed online. If you wish to have a printed version, you may pick up a copy on the table in the foyer.
- **There is still time to give a designated donation** to the church to help cover the cost of some of the new black folding chairs. We hope to still receive \$230.00
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 29 from 1-6 p.m. Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **Ladies Bible Study:** "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer to start Tuesday, January 30th from 9:30am-11am. Sign up in the foyer.
- **Apply now for a scholarship.** Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an undergraduate or trade program next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships.
- **The Giving Tree:** During the month of December, the Sunday School department (ages preschool through high school) participated in raising money to purchase livestock through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for their Christmas Giving catalog. The total amount raised was \$2,031! This can purchase 2 cows, 6 goats, and 16 bunnies or chickens (or some similar combination)! MCC projects help families most in need find new ways of earning income by helping provide livestock or loans to purchase livestock and training to raise and sell animals such as these. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all who gave generously!
- **Baptism:** Have you or are you currently considering your allegiance to Christ through the public act of baptism? We believe that the baptism with water is a sign of our cleansing from sin. Baptism is also a pledge before the church of our covenant with God to walk in the way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers are baptized into Christ and his body by the Spirit, water, and blood. Baptism classes will run through the months of February and March and the baptismal service will take place after Easter. If you would like to declare your allegiance to Christ through the public act of baptism, please contact Myron or Jeff.
- **Membership Class:** Beginning March 11th, Myron will offer a membership class, during the Sunday School hour, to those who are interested in becoming members at Berlin Mennonite. Please see Myron or Jeff if you are interested in attending the call.
- **Flu Season is here and cases are increasing in our area.** Help keep the church a healthy place and avoid spreading germs. Please regularly wash your hands. If you or someone you care for exhibits fever, cough, sore throat or other symptoms, minimize contact with others. Be mindful of those in our church who are most vulnerable – infants and the elderly. Adults and children should avoid the nursery if any symptoms are present. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our church community a safe and healthy place!