
SERMON NOTES



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

January 21, 2018

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #16 "God is Here Among Us"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

HWB #521 "Come, Thou Fount"

"Cornerstone"

Mark 1:14-20

STS #39 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Psalm 62:5-12

Message: "What Are You Standing On?"

Responding...

HWB #526 "In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting"

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

FAITH TALK

Mark 5:21-43: "Jesus heals two daughters"

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 5:41-42. What are some other words for amazement?

(2) Tell about a time when you asked for God's help.

(3) Jesus took the girl by the hand. See how many kinds of caring touches you can show (pat, hug, holding hands).

Did you know? What language was Jesus speaking when he said "Talitha cum"? (Aramaic)

Prayer for the week: God, help us love and care for each other. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Berlin Mennonite Church - BOX 217 - Berlin, Ohio 44610

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

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

Website: www.berlinmennonite.org

One Call Now (phone messages) - 1-877-698-3261

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Mark Leinbach**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **Laura Troyer**
Usher: **Jr Schlabach** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Jr Schlabach**
Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Reid Gerber**
Greeters: **Cal & Sharon Yoder**
Greeter Next Week: **Eric & Karina Yoder**
Nursery This Sunday: **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**
Nursery Next Week: **Lindsay Stutzman and Shawna & Zak Boyd**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 115 Sunday School: 75
General Fund: \$2,407.00 ALMS: \$50.00
College Aid: \$500.00 Chairs Donation: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

January 29- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm
February 7- Family Night
February 11- Combo Service with Millersburg Mennonite
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, 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 Hank & Carol Raber; Betty Ralph; Les & Veva Reid.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: A family with two young children is sharing Jesus' love through teaching and community art projects in a Middle Eastern country that is predominantly Muslim. They are serving with Mennonite Mission Network and Eastern Mennonite Missions. Pray for meaningful social and spiritual relationships.

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.
- **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. Pizza will be given to participants! 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.
- **Please remember the five Nicaraguan Missionary families** we welcome into relationship with our Church Family in prayer this week. These families are Xochil and Mario Amador, Carlos and Aracelis Reyes, Fabricio and Claudia Mendoza, Bismarck and Emma Aburto, and Meylin and Moises Guido.
- **GRIEFSHARE RESTARTING IN MARCH:** Please join us for biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Your loss may be recent or not so recent. Here, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving. The next GriefShare session will take place on Monday evenings beginning March 5th and continue through May 14th. There is no cost to attend. Please invite family members or friends who could also benefit. RSVP to the church or by contacting Becky Kandel or Barry Hummel.