
SERMON NOTES



BERLIN

Mennonite Church

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

January 8, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #20 "Come and See"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"Where You Go, I'll Go"

"May This Journey Bring a Blessing"

HWB #599 "He Leadeth Me"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Pastoral Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Message: "The Beginning or the End?"

Responding...

STJ #81 "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Benediction

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

Myron Weaver, Jeff Hochstetler, Dayna Schrock, or one of the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) members, either after worship today or during the week. SLT members are:

Bob Habeger, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King and Leon Miller.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

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

Dayna (Congregational Care) - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 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

Online Calendars - dates.berlinmennonite.org; youth.berlinmennonite.org

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 136
General Fund: \$7,385.00 Missions: \$150.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

January 9- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm
January 10- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
January 11- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
January 21- Mongolian Breakfast, 7:30am- Farmstead
February 1- Family Night, 6pm

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: Myron Weaver Worship Leader: Mark Leinbach
Song Leader: Shelly Miller Offertory: Barry Hummel
Usher: Dennis Weaver Usher Next Sunday: Allan Miller
Audio: Dustin Yoder Visual: Tony Yoder PowerPoint: Suzanne Kalman
Worship Nursery: Carson & Rachel Miller & Shawna Boyd
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: Denise Anderson & Carol Gerber
Greeters: Zak & Shawna Boyd
Greeters Next Sunday: Rick & Peg Brand

PRAYER REQUESTS

Physical Needs: Bruce Hummel, Mary Ann Kandel, Susan Kurtz, Tim Mast (Rod Mast's brother), Dave Miller, Marcia Miller, Ivan Stutzman, Loil Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Mary Sundheimer, Karen Troyer, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Braelyn Weaver, Katie Wengerd, Lynne Wilson.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Fred Augsburger, Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Lizzie Ann Miller (Jewell Bontrager & Betty Troyer's mother), Ruth Mullet, Eileen Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman.

Walnut Hills Retirement Home Residents: Ivan Stutzman

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 for McKenzie Miller, the Merle & Linda Miller family, and Mervin & Leona Miller.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Help support New Grounds** by bringing your family and friends to BMC Family Night at New Grounds. Join us Monday, January 9th, anytime from 4-7pm for great food and fellowship while we help support God's work at New Grounds.
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is adding a new leader! We are pleased to announce that Veva Reid will be taking the week-long Stephen Leader training in Orlando, Florida from January 8 through January 14, 2017. Veva will be a welcome addition to the leadership of our Stephen Ministry program and we are excited for her to use her gifts in this way. Please be in prayer for Veva as she travels, that she is able to absorb the information from the training to apply to her ministry, and that it would be a time of spiritual growth.
- **NAMI Family-to-Family:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness Family-to-Family Education program is offering a FREE, 12-week course for family and friends of individuals with serious mental illness. This course is taught by trained family members who have lived with this experience, and volunteer their time to bring you this information. All course materials are furnished to you at no cost. The class will begin January 21 in Wooster at 2525 Back Orrville Road. Call 330-264-1590 for more information and to register.
- **"Communication that Connects and Transforms Conflict"** is a training event sponsored by Connexus of Holmes & Wayne Counties and will take place on Saturday, January 28th from 8am – 12pm at the Keim Lumber Conference Room. Participants will learn basic & effective communication skills and how to model skills that can be used to resolve & transform conflict. The cost for the training is \$15 per person. Register at info@ourconnexus.com or by calling 330-960-1175. To learn more about how Connexus is working in the community to transform the culture of conflict, visit www.ourconnexus.com.
- **STEPHEN MINISTERS NEEDED:** Our congregation's Stephen Ministry will be offering a new training class for Stephen Ministers which will begin in March. It's not too soon to consider whether God is calling YOU to be a part of this valuable ministry! If you want to find out more about this one-to-one caregiving ministry, please contact the church office.
- **Family Nights begin Wednesday, February 1st and continue until March 15.** Dinner begins at 6pm. The children's program will begin at 6:45pm in the sanctuary followed by stations until 8pm. There will be crafts for grades 2-3 and grades 4-6 will make pinewood derby racers. Preschool through grade 1 will have their own classes with a Bible lesson and a craft. Childcare for infants up to preschool will be provided. Needed are volunteers for all of these roles. The theme, schedule and a list of sign-ups for volunteers are on the bulletin board in the foyer beside the secretary's office. Please join us for these fun evenings as we learn about God and work on wood projects together.
- **Beginning February 12th, Myron will offer a membership class during the Sunday School hour for those who are interested in becoming members at Berlin Mennonite.** Please see one of the pastoral staff if you are interested. A class will also be offered during the Lenten Session for those who have interest in baptism. We at Berlin Mennonite 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 Lent 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 one of the pastoral staff.