
SERMON NOTES



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

October 22, 2017

FAITH TALK

Genesis 11:1–9: “The Tower of Babel”

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

- (1) Read Genesis 11:3–4. Why did the people want to build?
- (2) Think of high-tech inventions of today. What is good about them? What is not so good?

(3) Search YouTube for worship songs in languages you don’t know. Did you know? Genesis 11 seeks to explain why people speak different languages. What language is spoken by the most people in the world?

Mandarin Chinese

Prayer for the week: God, as we work together this week, may we strive to honor you. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Gathering of God’s People . . .
Opening Song: HWB #6 “Here in This Place”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Child Dedication- Braelyn Weaver

Dismissal for Children’s Church

Praising God’s Name . . .

“Ancient of Days”

Psalm 99

“Holy is the Lord, God Almighty”

HWB #544 “Trust and Obey”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Message: “What Belongs to Caesar and What Belongs to God?”

Responding...

HWB #389 “Take My Life”

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:* **Becky Kandel**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**
Usher: **Myron Schlabach** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Marion Yoder**
Audio: **Cameron Miller** *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Peg Brand**
Greeters: **Mike & Karlene Sommers**
Next Week: **Steve & Merry Lynn Sigrist Straits**
Nursery This Sunday: **Lindsay Stutzman and Shawna & Zak Boyd**
Nursery Next Week: **Jodi Miller and Emily Miller**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 167 **Sunday School: 80**
General Fund: \$13,216.37 **Stuckey Family: \$1,000.00**
Mennonite Education Fund: \$2,500.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

October 25- Family Night
November 1- Family Night
November 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
November 11- Surviving the Holidays- GriefShare Event
November 12- MYF Auction

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Lizzie Ann Miller (Jewell Bontrager & Betty Troyer's mother), 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 Erikson; SALT: Samuel Miller; Selena Herrera who is working in Greece at a Refugee camp.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Dr. Dale & Carol Lehmann; Mark & Marlea Leinbach and family; Clare Martin.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Today, 26 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants begin their five-day retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for safe travels and a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Child Dedication:** Today we welcome and thank the Weaver and Yoder families for their participation in the dedication service of Braelyn Grace Weaver, daughter of Jon & Megan Weaver. Our prayer is that God will bless these two families as they walk alongside Jon & Megan through the process of raising Braelyn as a child of God.
- **Out of Office:** Myron and Jeff will be out of the office from Monday through Wednesday. They will be attending a conference at Lombard Mennonite Peace Center titled Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process.
- **Family Nights continue this Wednesday!** We will be inviting people from our church to share faith stories. We also invite people to work on comforters while we hear faith stories. We hope this is a great opportunity to know each other on a deeper level and be inspired by what God has done for us. Childcare will be provided, and Children K-6 will take part in rehearsal for the Christmas musical. Each week the main dish for the fellowship meal will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **The Women of Influence present "Harvesting Hope" on Saturday, October 28th from 9am-3pm** at The Pier (10470 Winesburg Rd. Dundee, OH). Tickets are \$50 and include a hot dinner or \$40 bring your own bag lunch. Tickets can be purchased at Faith View Bookstore in Fredericksburg or contact Verna or Sheryl. For more information visit www.thewomenofinfluence.com.
- **Grieving? Know someone who is?** When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, tips for surviving social events, and how to find hope for the future. Please join us for this encouraging morning, Saturday, November 11th from 8:30am – 12:00pm. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 6th.
- **LAUNDRY DETERGENT NEEDED:** Berlin Mennonite is signed up to give 350 containers of detergent for Holmes County Share-A-Christmas. Our kickoff begins next Sunday, October 29th. Please place your donated laundry detergent in the foyer by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you for your help!
- **FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY:** The Women's Ministry Committee wishes to remind the congregation that freezer meals are available for those in our community who may be struggling or facing personal challenges. We believe that food opens the door to conversation and wish to use this as a way to make connections and show the love of Christ beyond the four walls of our church. This will be an ongoing ministry and we are depending on you to help make us aware of any needs. Thank you!
- **Mark your calendar for Marriage for Life on February 3& 4 or 4 & 5th.** Registration opens November 1st. All couples should register through Connie in the church office. The first 10 couples that sign up will have their registration fee paid by the church. Sign up now!
- **We want to say thank you** for the incredible support from everyone at Berlin Mennonite following Randy's accident and passing. Thank you for all the cards, food, flowers, financial support and other gestures of love. And the prayers, especially the prayers. We have been so grateful during this time to be part of such an amazing community of individuals that truly care. Thank you! -Mary Beth Stuckey and family