
SERMON NOTES



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

October 29, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Songs: STS #55 "Love the Lord Your God"
HWB #26 "Holy Spirit Come with Power"

Welcome

Announcements

Share A Christmas- Bob Porter

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"Love the Lord Your God"

"Give Me Your Eyes"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Message: "I Came to Give These Words Legs"

Responding...

STS #39 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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

Genesis 12–13: "Abram, Sarai, and Lot"

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 Genesis 12:1–2. Like Abram, how can we be a blessing to others?

(2) Take turns today giving each other first choice or first turn.

(3) Make an altar with small stones as each person tells the best blessing of the day.

Did you know? God changed their names! Abram ("exalted father") became Abraham ("father of a multitude). Sarai ("my princess") became Sarah ("mother of nations").

Prayer for the week: Thank you, God that you journey with us wherever we go.

Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Myron (Pastor) - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9am-3pm

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Jeff Hochstetler**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Sophie Miller**
Usher: **Marion Yoder** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Hank Raber**
Audio: **Dustin Yoder** *Visual:* **Cameron Miller** *PowerPoint:* **Peg Brand**
Greeters: **Steve & Merry Lynn Sigrist Straits**
Next Week: **Erik & Laura Beun**
Nursery This Sunday: **Jodi Miller and Emily Miller**
Nursery Next Week: **Angie Yoder & Karina Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 185	Sunday School: 103
General Fund: \$4,359.00	MCC Relief: \$300.00
Central Christian: \$50.00	Open Arms: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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, Lester Kaufman, Marcia Miller, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, 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 Rod & Gail Mast; Willis & Elsie Mast; Codi Mast.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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. Childcare will be provided, and Children K-6 will take part in rehearsal for the Christmas musical. The main dish for the fellowship meal will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **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.
- **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!
- **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!
- **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!
- **MCC is in urgent need of comforters to fill requests from our partners around the world.** While handmade comforters are wonderful and welcomed, we recognize the time that goes into making them. Quality store-bought comforters allow for quick donations to meet the current needs around the world. Twin and full-size comforters are both needed, but please ensure the comforters are made of thick, high-quality material. Comforters can be dropped off at either the Kidron or Goshen Material Resource Centers, or consider ordering online and having them shipped directly there. For more information, visit mcc.org/kits/comforters or call the Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133.