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## SERMON NOTES

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

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**October 7, 2018**

*Listening to the Voice of God*

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**Gathering of God's People...**

Opening Songs  
HWB 395 – “Here I am Lord”  
Welcome  
Announcements  
Update from Alexis Deuzoube  
Call to Worship/Invocation

**Praising God's Name . . .**

“Good Good Father”  
“What a Beautiful Name It Is”  
Psalm 8:1-9  
“Ever Be”  
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts  
Congregational Prayer

**Hearing God's Word . . .**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Matthew 22:34-40  
Message: Loving God and Loving Our Neighbors

**Responding...**

HWB 165 - “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*About our speakers:*

Ron Byler is executive director of Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Prior to 2010, Ron worked in leadership roles in Mennonite Church USA and the former Mennonite Church General Board. Ron and his wife, Mim Shirk, live in Goshen, Indiana and have one adult son.

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## FAITH TALK

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**Exodus 4: “Moses accepts God's call”**

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

(1) Read Exodus 4:10–14. Why didn't Moses want to go to Pharaoh?

(2) Moses said, “Send someone else.” When have you wished to get out of something? Why?

(3) Aaron helped Moses when Moses couldn't do the job alone. Tell about someone who helps you with difficult tasks.

\*Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “God talks to Moses.”

**Did you know?** Ancient Egypt depended on the waters of the Nile. The southernmost headwaters of the Nile are in what African country? <Rwanda>

**Prayer for the week:** *God, give us courage to speak the truth in all situations. Amen.*

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Berlin Mennonite Church - BOX 217 - Berlin, Ohio 44610**

**Church Phone: 330-893-2320**

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM**

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

Walt (Intentional Interim Pastor); Tuesday and Friday 9am-3pm

Jeff (Family Life Pastor) Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Sermon:* **Ron Byler**    *Worship Leader:* **Ralph King**

*Song Leader:* **Jesse Miller**

*Offertory:* **Arlene Yoder, Seth Cady and Ray Miller**

*Usher:* **Myron Schlabach**

*Audio & Visual:* **Dustin Yoder /Seth Cady**    *PowerPoint:* **Rochelle Cady**

*Greeters:* **Merle & Leona Miller**    *Next Week:* **Paul & Carol Miller**

*Nursery This Sunday:* **Jill Basinger and Rachel & Carson Miller**

*Nursery Next Week:* **Kelsey Hochstetler and Sheila Mullet**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 124**    **Sunday School: not available**

**General Fund: 13,501.98**    **MDS: 30.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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October 7 – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

October 8 – BMC at New Grounds, 4-7 pm

October 9 – Meeting Night 7 pm, Council 8 pm

October 10 - Ladies Sewing, 8:30 am; Family Night, 6-8 pm

October 14 – Annual Business Meeting, carry in meal following worship

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**Health Needs:** Ethel Mumaw, Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Karina Yoder.

**Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents:** Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

**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 Leon & Holly Miller and family; Marlene Miller; and Marlene Sue Miller.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Tomorrow is Indigenous People Day. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for the descendants of White settlers to understand their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this land. Pray also for mission workers who supporter marginalized people groups in reclaiming their land, their language, and their dignity.

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team either after worship or during the week. Elder Team members are: Carol Gerber, Becky Kandel, Ralph King, Leon Miller, Michael Stutzman and Vaughn Troyer.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **A Congregational Informational Survey** for Pastor Walt is in each mailbox. Complete directives appear on the form. Please return the completed form to Walt by Sunday, October 14. More copies of this survey are available on the table by the secretary's office.
- **We are choosing to focus on prayer** the month of October as a congregation. A prayer calendar has been placed in your mailbox to use as a guide this month. The suggested daily prayers will also be texted out each day to those who receive the church's text messages. - The Worship Committee
- **Wednesday Family Nights** will take place this fall from October 10 through November 14. The meal will begin at 6 pm with activities for all ages from 7-8 pm. Adults are invited to share in an informal and open discussion about "church," led by Pastor Walt. Walt will be sharing several thoughts about embarking on the subject "Towards Greater Church Vitality and Health" and about his ministry among us, out of which he hopes both questions and reflections about "church" will arise. Please plan to join us for this time of interaction!
- **Pastor Walt Morton's schedule** as a "general rule" will be to be in the office Wednesday 12-4 and Fridays 9-4 and he welcomes you to stop in. If you want to see him about something in particular, he encourages that you call the church office ahead of time to be sure of his availability. For out of the office times, feel free to contact him through his cell phone 330-283-7940 by text or phone call as well as through his email ([wmorton0126@gmail.com](mailto:wmorton0126@gmail.com)).
- **Plan now to be a part of the carry-in meal** scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14 after the worship service. Following the food and fellowship, members are encouraged to stay for Annual Meeting.
- **Take a moment to check your calendar** for birthday and anniversaries. Any updates needed for the 2019 Church calendar maybe be dropped off at the church Secretary's office before October 15.
- **Berlin Mennonite will again collect laundry detergent** to assist the Share-A-Christmas program. All donations need to be at church no later Sunday, November 26. Any questions may be directed to Jr. Schlabach.
- **The Ohio Conference Leadership Team** has hired Dick Barrett of West Liberty to serve as conference minister of Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA. We encourage congregation members to mail a note of blessing to Dick as he begins his role as conference minister. You may send you cards to:

Dick Barrett  
500 Pikcerelltown Rd.  
West Liberty, Ohio 43357