
SERMON NOTES



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

October 8, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .
Opening Songs: "Everlasting God"
"Singing for Joy"
"You Are Holy"
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .
HWB #580 "My Life Flows On"
"Amazing Grace"
Psalm 80:7-15
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .
Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46
Message: "Wicked Tenants and A Loving God"

Responding...
"Seeds"

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 3: "Trouble in the garden"

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

- (1) Read Genesis 3:12-13. Tell about a time you blamed someone else for a bad choice you made.
- (2) Cut out paper leaves. Each day, write a good choice you made on one of the leaves. String the leaves together.
- (3) Wake a walk outside "at the time of the evening breeze," as God did in Genesis 3:8.

Did you know? Adam and Eve used these for clothes. They can sometimes reduce the amount of insulin needed by diabetics. What are they? Fig leaves

Prayer for the week: Thank you God for giving us the ability to make wise choices. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Ralph King**
Song Leader: **Shelly Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**
Usher: **Howie Hatfield** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Rick Brand**
Audio: **Seth Cady** *PowerPoint:* **Peg Brand**
Greeters: **Merle & Anita Shetler** *Next Week:* **Paul & Sarah Miller**
Nursery This Sunday: **Carson & Rachel Miller and Megan Weaver**
Nursery Next Week: **Jill Basinger and Jo Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 184	Sunday School: 107
General Fund: \$9,364.00	ALMS: \$400.00
College Student Aid: \$50.00	Stuckey Family: \$4,490.00
Women of Hope: \$200.00	Men's 1 Class: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

October 9- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7pm
October 9- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm
October 10- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
October 11- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
October 11- Family Night
October 18- Family Night

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, Lorene Wenger.

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; Selena Herrera who is working in Greece at a refugee camp.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Ralph & Brenda King and Gio; Edward Kline; John & Deb Kline and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Mennonite Mission Network confesses the complicity many in our church have had in land theft and oppression. Pray for repentance, restitution, and for the many mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Family Nights continue this Wednesday!** We will be hearing faith stories and also be inviting people to work on comforters during this time. 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. This week the meal will be lasagna and breadsticks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, October 9, from 1-7 p.m. Pizza will be given to participants! Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **Ladies Sewing:** Berlin Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday for quilting and knotting. Susan Hofstetter will share some very interesting events that have happened during the Relief Sale held each year in Wayne County. Sheryl Weaver will be the hostess. Please bring a side to share.
- **Joins us for a MEDA, Women Empowering Women, gathering on Monday, October 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at Eva Keim's house located at 5328 Hummingbird Drive, Millersburg. Women Empowering Women (WeW) is an opportunity for women of all ages to connect with one another, learn about issues facing other women in developing countries and how to empower them through MEDA. MEDA staff member, Bethany Nussbaum, will share about their project in Jordan, while we snack on middle eastern goodies. If you have questions, contact the WeW planning committee: Eva Keim, Rhoda Mast or Mary (Dan) Miller. Please RSVP with a call or text to 330-763-4317 (Eva Keim).
- **The ladies of Walnut Creek Mennonite** have extended an invitation to their Sewing on October 17. Our own Lisa Miller will be the guest speaker that day. All ladies are invited to attend for a day of sewing, visiting and sharing by Lisa.
- **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.
- **Diaper Shower:** We would like to bless Jeff & Kelsey with diapers for Amelia and Ava. If you would like to participate, please bring diapers sizes 1-4 to the church and place under the coat rack in the foyer.
- **Berlin Mennonite will be joining area churches:** First Mennonite Sugarcreek, Lifebridge, Longenecker, Martins Creek and Walnut Creek in responding to the hurricane crisis. This group of churches will be sponsoring work trips through MDS from March 11 to April 7. Please consider serving for a week at this time, perhaps on Spring break! More information to come! If you would like to make a donation to international hurricane relief, through either MDS or MCC you can place your donation in the offering and designating it for hurricane relief with MDS or MCC.
- **The wall hanging in the foyer** was pieced by Susan Slagle and quilted by the Berlin Mennonite Women's sewing group. We are grateful for their generosity in sharing their gifts and talents!