
SERMON NOTES



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

November 12, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Songs: STJ #1 "We Sing to You, O God"
STJ #54 "Longing for Light"
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

STJ #32 "If You Believe and I Believe"
Psalm 78:1-7
HWB #343 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
"Cornerstone"
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Message: Deuzoumbe Alexis

Responding...

"These Seeds You Have Sown"

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 25:27–34; 27:1–28:5; 32:1–33:17: "Jacob and Esau"

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

- (1) Read Genesis 25:27–28. What problems can happen when there is favoritism?
- (2) Jacob gave a gift. Draw a picture or write a note as a gift to someone in your family.

(3) Tell about a time someone forgave you.

Did you know? Jacob sent a really big present. How many animals did he give (Genesis 32:14–15)? 550

Prayer for the week: God who loves us equally, bless us as we seek to live together in peace. Amen.

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "Jacob's dream."

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Deuzoumbe Alexis** *Worship Leader:* **Eric Miller**

Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**

Usher: **Roger Dunn** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Jr. Schlabach**

Audio: **Seth Cady** *Visual:* **Tony Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Reid Gerber**

Greeters: **Michael & Lindsay Stutzman**

Next Week: **Reid & Marcia Stutzman**

Nursery This Sunday: **Lindsay Stutzman and Megan Weaver**

Nursery Next Week: **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 181 **Sunday School: 101**

General Fund: \$6,793.16 **College Aid: \$500.00** **MDS: \$410.00**

Men's 1: \$300.00 **MYF: \$600.00** **Missions: \$100.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

November 12- MYF Auction

November 13- BMC Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm

November 14- BMC Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

November 15- Family Night

December 4- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7pm

December 5- Comfy, Cozy, Cookie Night, 6:30pm

December 10- Children's Christmas Musical, 3pm

December 12- BMC Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Marcia Miller, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, 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 Erekson; SALT: Samuel Miller; Selena Herrera who is working in Greece at a Refugee camp.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Allan & Shelly Miller and family; Bonnie Miller; Carson & Rachel Miller and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: For the past months, Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the United States. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in "retirement" in Spain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jeff & Kelsey and Myron & Sheryl** are attending a Pastor/Spouse Retreat this weekend hosted by the Ohio Mennonite Conference. They plan to return early in order to attend the MYF Auction.
- **Our Final Fall Family Night is this Wednesday!** The meal is provided by Open Arms Ministry, a ministry that we as a church support through our Mission Budget. Donations for the meal will be accepted. Both Rocky & Alexis who are IVEPers will be sharing their 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. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Help support New Grounds** by bringing your family and friends to BMC Family Night at New Grounds. Join us tomorrow anytime from 4-7pm for great food and fellowship while we help support God's work at New Grounds.
- **LAUNDRY DETERGENT NEEDED:** Berlin Mennonite is signed up to give 350 containers of detergent for Holmes County Share-A-Christmas. Please place your donated laundry detergent in the foyer by Sunday, November 19th. For those who want to make larger purchase of laundry soap for Share A Christmas, the Dollar Store has the Berlin Mennonite tax exempt number in it file. Thank you for your help!
- **Next Sunday, November 19th, the Dr. Reyes Family and the Amador Family** will be visiting from Nicaragua. They will present during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship hall. All Sunday school classes are welcomed to attend.
- **Poinsettias:** We are taking orders for beautiful poinsettias to raise money for Mongolia Missions. Order forms are on the table beside the secretary's office. Red or white poinsettias can be purchased for: \$15.00 – 7.5" pot (2 plants), \$20.00 – 8.5" pot (3 plants). The ordering deadline is November 26th and the poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 3rd. Order forms and payment can be placed in Connie Weaver's mailbox.
- **The American Red Cross** will hold a blood drive at Berlin Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 4, from 1-7 p.m. Pizza will be given to participants! Walk-ins from the community are welcome.
- **COMFY, COZY, COOKIE NIGHT:** All ladies are invited to a relaxed and informal evening as we exchange Christmas cookies and enjoy one another's company in celebration of the holiday season. Join us on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm at the home of Art & Jo Yoder. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Plan to attend even if you don't bring cookies to exchange.
- **Mark your calendars:** Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m. - gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. We will travel to several places to sing for and to visit with members of the community. For those who are able we will end our evening at Dairy Queen for ice cream. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and singing!
- **Mark your calendar for Marriage for Life on February 2 & 3 or 3 & 4th.** All couples should register through Connie in the church office. Sign up now!