
SERMON NOTES



BERLIN

Mennonite Church

Rooted in Jesus. Growing in Faith. Branching out in Love.

November 18, 2018

A Psalmist's Thanksgiving

FAITH TALK

Deuteronomy 30, 34: "Promised Land dreams"

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

(1) Read Deuteronomy 34:1-6. How do you think Moses felt about not going into the Promised Land?

(2) What is the highest place you have been? What did you see from there?

(3) Moses told the people to "choose life" by loving and obeying God. How can you "choose life" today?

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "The tent church."

Did you know? According to Deuteronomy 34, how old was Moses when he died?
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Prayer for the week: *God, give us wisdom to make good choices. Lead us each day. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Gathering of God's People...

Opening Songs:

HWB #87 – "Great is the Lord"

STJ #108 – "Give Thanks for Life"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"Forever"

"Jesus Messiah"

HWB #835: Matthew 6:25-33

HWB #324 – "Seek Ye First"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

A Psalmist's Thanksgiving Proclamation

Responding...

"One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"

Benediction

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Walt Morton** *Worship Leader:* **Mark Leinbach**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **The Harmonicas** *Usher:* **Allen Miller**
Audio & Visual: **Elliott Yoder / Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Ernie Hershberger**

Today Greeters:
Tom & Angie Yoder
Nursery This Sunday:
Jill Basinger and Jodi Miller

Greeter Next Week:
Yasser & Renee Omran
Nursery Next Week:
**Karina Yoder and Shawna & Zak
Boyd**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 180 Sunday School: 78

General Fund: \$11,128.09 Central Christian \$750.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

November 19 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6 pm
December 10 – BMC at New Grounds, 4-7 pm
December 11 – Council, 7 pm
December 12 – Ladies Sewing 8:30 am
December 14 – Gospel Blue Grass Jam, 6:30 – 8 pm
December 15 – Mongolian Breakfast, 7:30 am at Der Bake Oven

Health Needs: Ed Kline, Lorene Maxwell, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, and Susan Sullivan.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder, and Mary Ann Kandel.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; RAM – Nicaraguan families.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week: Linda O'Donnell; Yasser & Renee Omran and Family; Jason & Jolene Peterson and Family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mary Raber serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry.

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Walt Morton, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Thank you very much for the cards and expressions of welcome and affirmation as I begin with you our walk together.** As we face the challenges and discoveries that lie ahead, might Philippians 4:13 and 4:19 be our constant focus for walking together.

Pastor Walt

• **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. The ordering deadline is November 25th and the poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 2nd. Order forms and payment can be placed in Betty Troyer's mailbox. Poinsettias will not be used to decorate the sanctuary this year.

• **Berlin Mennonite continues to 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.

• **Marriage for Life 2019** registration is *now* open for the February 1-3, 2019 event. There are still a few rooms left for the Sat./Sun. Feb. 2-3 sessions, at \$60. Each. Contact Brenda or Barry Hummel for more information.

• **Bell Ringers are still needed to fulfill** the 11-1 on Saturday, December 8 at German Village. Check bulletin board at secretary's office.

• **Custodian Help:** Linda Miller still needs a backup individual or couple that would be willing to periodically clean the church for her.

• **New volunteers are welcome at Save & Serve.** Whether it's sorting, pricing, or working at the cash register, volunteers are vital in helping our mission thrive and make a difference. Join the hundreds of volunteers who invest in our community. Come join us, build friendships, and support the work of MCC! Telephone Save & Serve at 330-674-1323 or stop by the store.

• **Remember to sign up to make** a Christmas Wreath, Saturday, December 1 at 9 am to noon. Contact Carolyn Caron if you have questions at 330-231-0865.

• **The Holmes Center for the Arts** Adult and Children's Community Choir will perform "A Season of Thanks" at 2 pm on November 18 here at the church.