
SERMON NOTES

FAITH TALK

Genesis 39–45: “Joseph forgives”

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 45:4–8. According to Joseph, what role did God play in his life?
- (2) Draw pictures of Joseph’s dreams. See Genesis 41:1–7.
- (3) Joseph decided not to seek revenge. Tell about a time you decided against getting even.

Did you know? The cows in Pharaoh’s dream came up out of the Nile. Look at a map of Africa. What tributaries feed the Nile?

White Nile, Blue Nile, and Atbara River in East Africa

Prayer for the week: *God, your love brings us back when we have done wrong. Show us the way to live. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

November 26, 2017

Gathering of God’s People . . .

Opening Songs: HWB #89 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

HWB #94 “Come, Ye Thankful People”

HWB #37 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

“Enough”

“Garment of Praise”

Psalm 95:1-7a

STJ #97 “The Lord is My Light”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Message: “When?”

Responding...

STJ #109 “There is More Love Somewhere”

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

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Myron Weaver** *Worship Leader:* **Jeff Hochstetler**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank & Laura Troyer**
Usher: **Dennis Weaver** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Allan Miller**
Audio: **Dustin Yoder** *Visual:* **Cameron Miller** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**
Greeters: **Robert & Sonya Stutzman**
Next Week: **Lynn & Tina Swartzentruber**
Nursery This Sunday: **Lindsay Stutzman and Shawna & Zak Boyd**
Nursery Next Week: **Angie Yoder & Karina Yoder**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 171 Sunday School: 125
General Fund: \$4,956.50 Land Improvement: \$750.00 College Aid: \$2,500.00
Central Christian: \$50.00 Men's 1: \$50.00 Bible Memory: \$100.00
Share-A-Christmas: \$269.61 Open Arms: \$200.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

December 4- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7pm
December 5- Comfy, Cozy, Cookie Night, 6:30pm
December 6- Stephen Minister Training, 9am
December 12- BMC Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
December 13- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
December 17- Children's Christmas Musical, 6pm

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 Erikson; SALT: Samuel Miller; Selena Herrera who is working in Greece at a Refugee camp.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Jesse & Lisa Miller; Joe & Wendy Miller and family; Leon & Holly Miller and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Kendra Selzer serves through Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten – grade 10 students and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 **TODAY!** Thank you for your help!
- **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 **TODAY** 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.
- **On Sunday December 17 at 6pm**, the children will be hosting the Christmas music program, called Jesus Means Christmas to Me. We hope you will consider attending as our children share with us special songs to celebrate Christ's birth.
- **Mark your calendars: Wednesday, December 20 at 6 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!
- **Not sure what to give your parents for Christmas? Or your grandchildren?** Here's an idea for gifts this year...help purchase a cow, a goat, bunnies or chicks through Mennonite Central Committee in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Starting next Sunday, there will be a decorated tree and Christmas catalogs in the foyer with more information on improving the lives of families around the world.
- **Advent at home:** For families who are looking for a way to celebrate the coming of Jesus at home, the Anabaptist Formation Network has developed a program to follow along with a Scripture readings we will be using at church: https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/25147/2017_Advent-web.pdf.
- **New or gently used winter coats needed.** Berlin Mennonite Church is providing Love INC families with coats for the winter months. There is a shortage of men's coats especially in large sizes. If you have new or gently used coats that you would like to donate, please hang on the coat rack by the back-door entrance.