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## SERMON NOTES

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### FAITH TALK

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Matthew 13:44–50: “Hidden treasure”

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

- (1) Read Matthew 13:44–50. What kind of treasure do you think Jesus is talking about?
- (2) What do you consider to be your most treasured possession and why?
- (3) Sing or listen to the song “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” by Karen Lafferty.
- (4) Create your own story about what the kingdom of God is like in the form of a comic strip, skit, or social media update.

Did you know? There were no banks in Jesus’ time, so people buried valuables and money for safekeeping.

Prayer for the week: Thank you, God, for sharing the treasure of your love with us.

\*Preschool children have a “For families” section in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Jesus stills the storm.”

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

Myron (Pastor) - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9am-3pm

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

**Website: [www.berlinmennonite.org](http://www.berlinmennonite.org)**

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# BERLIN

## Mennonite Church

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

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## February 26, 2017

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### Gathering of God’s People . . .

Opening Song: HWB #1 “What is This Place”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

### Praising God’s Name . . .

HWB #575 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Psalm 99

“How Great is Our God”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Pastoral Prayer

### Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34

Message: “Who or What Governs Your Cosmos?”

### Responding...

“Good, Good Father”

### Benediction

**If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact**

Myron Weaver, Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the

Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) members, either after worship today

or during the week. SLT members are:

Bob Habeger, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King and Leon Miller.

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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Worship: 188  
General Fund: \$6,543.90

Sunday School: 134  
Central Christian: \$100.00

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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March 1, 8, 15- Family Night, 6pm  
March 6, 13, 20, 27- GriefShare, 6:30pm  
March 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am  
March 14- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm  
April 3, 10, 17, 24- GriefShare, 6:30pm  
May 1, 8, 15- GriefShare, 6:30pm

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### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Message:* **Myron Weaver**      *Worship Leader:* **Mark Leinbach**  
*Song Leader:* **Jesse Miller**      *Offertory:* **Luci Shank & Tony Brown**  
*Usher:* **Allan Miller**      *Usher Next Sunday:* **Rick Brand**  
*Audio:* **Hunter Yoder**      *Visual:* **Tyler Schrock**      *PowerPoint:* **Mike Schrock**  
*Worship Nursery:* **Angie Yoder and Peg Brand**  
*Worship Nursery Next Sunday:* **Kelsey Hochstetler & Karina Yoder**  
*Greeters:* **Eric & Carol Gerber**  
*Greeters Next Sunday:* **Titus & Deb Dutcher**

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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**Physical Needs:** Bruce Hummel, Mary Ann Kandel, Susan Kurtz, Dave Miller, Leona Miller, Marcia Miller, Ivan Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Mary Sundheimer, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Braelyn Weaver, Katie Wengerd.

**Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents:** Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Lizzie Ann Miller (Jewell Bontrager & Betty Troyer's mother), Ruth Mullet, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman.

**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 for Jason & Jolene Peterson and family; Ralph Phillabaum; Hank & Carol Raber.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Hymn Sing TONIGHT:** We will be having a hymn sing this evening at 6pm. Pick out a favorite song and bring a friend!
- **Please show support for Love INC** and come to dinner at Der Dutchman tomorrow evening between 4:30 and 7:00. You will be served by the Love INC volunteers with a portion of proceeds and all tips going to support Love INC. Love INC is a local organization that our church supports financially and with volunteers. If you want to know more about Love INC or the dinner, please ask someone on the Mission Committee.
- **A heartfelt thank you** for the blessing of the releasing service, for sharing with me in a meal afterwards, and for the thoughtful gifts. I will cherish the time I spent with you and am grateful for how you have loved, accepted and encouraged me over the years. I will hold you in my heart always. ~Dayna Schrock
- **GRIEFSHARE RESTARTING IN MARCH:** Please join us for biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Your loss may be recent or not so recent. Here, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving. The next GriefShare session will take place on Monday evenings beginning March 6th and continue through May 15th. There is no cost to attend. Please invite family members or friends who could also benefit. RSVP to the church or by contacting Becky Kandel or Barry Hummel.
- **Family Nights continue this Wednesday and will continue until March 15.** Dinner begins at 6pm. The Sojourners Class will be preparing soup. Table ware is provided but you are welcome to bring your own as well to cut down on the waste. The children's program will begin at 6:45pm in the sanctuary followed by stations until 8pm. Childcare for infants up to preschool will be provided. Please join us for these fun evenings as we learn about God and work on wood projects together.
- **Men, Camp Luz has two upcoming retreats just for the guys.** The Men's Retreat is March 31-April 2, with pastors David and Chet Eshleman. The Father Son Retreat is April 28-29, with father son duo Kent and Sean Miller. More information and registration for both retreats is available at [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com). Flyers can be found on the table by the Secretary's office.
- **Apply for 2017 Everence college scholarships!** If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. Submit your application by Feb. 28, 2016. Learn more at [everence.com/scholarships](http://everence.com/scholarships) or see Jodi Miller for a copy of the application.
- **Love INC will be ordering shirts with their logo on them.** If you would like to order, please contact the church office with the type and size. Short-sleeve Polo (\$8), short-sleeve T-shirt (\$5) or long-sleeve T-shirt (\$6).