
SERMON NOTES



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

May 13, 2018

FAITH TALK

2 Kings 6:8–23: “Elisha turns back the soldiers”

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 2 Kings 6:20–23. What word would you use to describe Elisha?
- (2) We sometimes need to calm down before we can use peaceful words.

Where do you go when you need to get away?

- (3) Read Enemy Pie by Derek Munson or watch it on YouTube. How is this story like Elisha’s story?

Did you know? Elisha’s actions are in keeping with the Latin phrase *primum non nocere*. What does it mean? First, do no harm.

Prayer for the week: Loving God, open our eyes to new possibilities for peace. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Gathering of God’s People...

Opening song: HWB #648 “Morning Has Broken”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

HWB #545 “Be Thou My Vision”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Psalm 1

STS #116 “I Saw A Tree by The Riverside”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13

Message: 30 Second Testimonies

Responding...

“Siyahamba” (We Are Marching)

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 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

Worship Leader: **Myron Weaver** *Song Leader:* **Vaughn Troyer**

Offertory: **Bell Choir**

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

Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Rochelle Croston**

Greeters: **Mark Gornto & Melody King** *Next Week:* **Steve & Lydia Goudy**

Nursery This Sunday: **Jodi Miller & Susan Slagle**

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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 189 **Sunday School: 90**

General Fund: \$8,668.50 **ALMS: \$100.00** **College Aid: \$500.00**

MCC: \$50.00 **Walking Roots: \$200.00**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

May 14- Family Night at New Grounds, 4-7pm

May 19- Mongolia Breakfast, Farmstead, 7:30am

May 20- Graduation Recognition Service

May 29- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder, Karina Yoder.


Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, 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.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Tony Yoder; Neil & Denise Anderson and family; Steven & Miranda Anderson.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonites in Venezuela teach peacemaking in the Caracas school system. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the more than 500 children, 68 teachers, and 30 administrators who received this training. May they practice these skills to make a difference in their communities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Help support New Grounds** by bringing your family and friends to BMC Family Night at New Grounds. Join us Monday, May 14th, anytime from 4-7pm for great food and fellowship while we help support God's work at New Grounds.
 - **On Saturday, May 19, *The Walking Roots Band***, a group from Harrisonburg, VA will be having a concert at 7 pm at Berlin Mennonite Church. The group is a folk and American band that reinterprets old gospel hymns for today. A freewill offering will be taken during the concert. On Sunday morning, the band will be our song leaders for our 10 am worship service.
 - **The Berlin Church Family** is cordially invited to the wedding of Rochelle Croston and Seth Cady on Saturday, May 26 beginning at 2 pm. Cake and ice cream will be served following the service in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the secretary's office.
 - **Be a part of the fun trip** to the production JESUS at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania planned for July 12 and 13. Registration information on bulletin board. Contact Susan Slagle or Verna Stutzman for details and to register. Only 50 seats available so make your wishes known as soon as possible.
 - **VBS Babylon** will take place from July 16-20 this summer. We need many volunteers to help in a wide variety of ways! Please consider offering your time and skills through volunteering! Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway just off the lobby. Unable to volunteer during these dates? Please consider donating one of the items on our VBS Donation wish list. The list of items needed is displayed in the lobby. Thank you in advance for making this exciting week possible for the children of our church and community!
 - **Take me out to the ball game!** Friday, July 20th at 7:05PM, the church has reserved 42 seats for an Akron Rubber Ducks game versus the Richmond Flying Squirrels at Canal Park. Tickets cost \$8 per person and include a fireworks show afterwards. Sign up outside the office or go to <https://groupmatics.events/event/Berlinmennonite> to reserve your ticket.
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• **Tell the Berlin Mennonite story** – Can we accept the challenge to reach out and share our stories? Are there people in our community that would appreciate reading about Berlin Mennonite's history and perhaps catch a glimpse of our present story as a faith community. Please consider donating \$15 - \$20 for a book. and give it to someone that may be interested in the Berlin's history. It may spark a conversation that would give you an opportunity to love your neighbor. Books are located in foyer.

• **Please remember the five Nicaraguan Missionary families** we welcome into relationship with our Church Family in prayer this week. These families are Xochil and Mario Amador, Carlos and Aracelis Reyes, Fabricio and Claudia Mendoza, Bismarck and Emma Aburto, and Meylin and Moises Guido.