
SERMON NOTES



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

May 28, 2017

Gathering of God's People . . .

Opening Songs: "Come, now is the Time to Worship"
HWB #226 "You are the Salt for the Earth"

Welcome
Announcements
Children's Moment
Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

"Waterfall"
Psalm 42:6-8
STJ #54 "Longing for Light"
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Pastoral Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: 2 Kings:2; Acts:1
Message: "Living in the Promise"

Responding...

"Ancient Words"
Time of Remembering

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



FAITH TALK

Luke 6:1-11: "Healing on the Sabbath"

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

(1) Reach Luke 6:6-10. How was the man's hand healed?

(2) Inspect your hand closely. What do you notice? How is your hand the same or different than other people in your family?

(3) Each evening, name one kind, loving thing you did that day.

Did you know? What does the Greek word *synagogue* mean? ("learning together")

Prayer for the week: *God, inspire us to reach out with love and kindness each day. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: **Steven Anderson** *Worship Leader:* **Barry Hummel**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** *Offertory:* **Luci Shank**
Usher: **Jr. Schlabach** *Usher Next Sunday:* **Dennis Weaver**
Audio: **Tony Yoder** *Visual:* **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**
Worship Nursery: **Angie Yoder & Jo Yoder**
Worship Nursery Next Sunday: **Kelsey Hochstetler & Karina Yoder**
Greeters: **Allan & Shelly Miller**
Greeters Next Sunday: **Carson & Rachel Miller**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 217 **Sunday School: 132**
General Fund: \$6,638.83 **Fortress of Hope: \$350.00**
Open Arms: \$50.00 **MMN: \$50.00**
Central Christian: \$1,500.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

May 29- Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
June 1- BMC Softball Game, 8:30pm in Dover
 June 4- Pentecost
June 5- Stephen Ministries Supervision Group, 7:00pm
June 7- Stephen Ministries Supervision Group, 9:00am
 June 11-15- Vacation Bible School 6-8:30pm
June 17- Mongolian Breakfast, 7:30am, Farmstead
 June 18- Father's Day
 June 21- Ladies Sewing, 8:30

PRAYER REQUESTS

Physical Needs: Orris Basinger, Susan Kurtz, Dave Miller, Marcia Miller, Ivan Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Mary Sundheimer, Sam Troyer, 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), Ruth Mullet, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Sylvia Stutzman.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Katie Wengerd; Mel & Susie Wengerd; Jon & Lynne Wilson and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Margrit Kipfer Barrón as she compiles a book-study of Luke's Gospel to introduce non-Christian readers to Jesus. She wants this current project to be available to people living in remote areas of Bolivia where her pastor-husband, Freddy, helps to organize book fairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome:** We are pleased to have Steven Anderson bring us the message this morning. Steven and his wife Randi are students at Asbury Seminary in Kentucky and has provided an update on their life. "Randi and I have just finished up a great (and challenging!) semester at Asbury Theological Seminary. This was Randi's second semester in the counseling program at the school, and she really enjoyed her class on couples counseling. I just completed my fourth semester and got a swift kick to the pants by my church history class! We have been a part of a leadership team for a church plant in downtown Lexington, and have learned so much through the experience. The plant officially launched this past Easter, and we look forward to what this next season will bring there. Randi has been asked to help plan a marriage retreat for the church, and she is really looking forward to it. We want to thank all of you so much for the love, support, and prayers that you have offered to us over this past year. The Lord has blessed us through you. We brag about Berlin Mennonite to our friends at Asbury all the time! Love you all."
- **This Memorial Day Weekend** we remember those who lived, labored, and loved among us. Following the sermon time, Jeff will lead a "Time of Remembrance", during which candles will be lit honoring those from within our congregation who have passed on since the Memorial Day 2016. Lighted candles will be placed in the sand in bowls on the Communion table at the front of the pulpit. Following this, Jeff will invite those who have lost loved ones prior to 2016. This time of remembering may include any loved one lost from our congregation, or outside the church family. You will be encouraged to share their name and also light a candle of remembrance. We thank God that even in separation from our loved ones, we can experience love, peace and hope, through his son, Jesus Christ.
- **Vacation Bible School:** VBS is quickly approaching and we are looking for volunteers. Please check the sign-up sheet beside Connie's office. Registration for students ages 4 through grade 6 begins today.
- **Pledge forms** for the 2017-2018 school year for the Central Christian Student Aid Fund, College Student Aid Fund, and Seminary Student Aid Fund have been placed in each mailbox. They are also available on the table next to the church office. If you wish to make pledges for any of the student aid funds for the coming school please complete your pledge forms by Sunday, June 4th. Completed pledges can be placed in the mailboxes for Vaughn Troyer or Jill Basinger.
- **Brown Bag Thursdays** begins this Thursday, June 1st from 11am-1pm! Bring a bagged lunch and have lunch at the pavilion. This is a time to visit and meet with others from the community. Brown Bag Thursdays will take place each Thursday during June, July and August. On the third Thursday of each month there will be a food truck on site as an option to purchase lunch. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Ladies Sewing:** Due to Vacation Bible School, Ladies Sewing will be held on Wednesday, June 21. Mary Ellen Gingerich will provide sandwiches and a cheese plate. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Myron has started his journey!** Follow his blog at <http://pedalingparson.blogspot.com/>.