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## SERMON NOTES

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

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### July 8, 2018

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## FAITH TALK

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**Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 119:105, 130; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 5:14–16;  
John 1:1–9: “Let there be light”**

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

(1) Read John 1:6–8. What was John sent into the world to do?

(2) Sit quietly in a dark room and then light a candle. What difference does light make? How can you be like a light?

(3) How is the Bible like a lamp for our feet?

\*Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Birds and lilies.”

Do you know? The brightness of a light source is measured in candelas (cd).

One candela is about as bright as a small candle.

Prayer for the week: Loving God, may your face shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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### Gathering of God’s People...

Opening Song: “Here I am to Worship”

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

### Praising God’s Name . . .

“Wa Hamba Nathi

“Your Grace is Enough”

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

“Mighty to Save”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

### Hearing God’s Word . . .

Message: You Can Expect Rejection

Scripture: Mark 6: 1-13

### Responding...

“There is No One Like Jesus”

### Prayer of Blessing for Alexis 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.

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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*Sermon:* **Myron Weaver**      *Worship Leader:* **Brenda Hummel**  
*Song Leader:* **Shelly Miller**      *Offertory:* **Alexis and Worship Team**  
*Usher:* **Hank Raber**      *Usher Next Sunday:* **Roger Dunn**  
*Audio & Visual:* **Dustin Yoder**      *PowerPoint:* **Josh Schlabach**  
*Greeters:* **Carson & Rachel Miller**  
*Next Week:* **Lester & Clara Kaufman**  
*Nursery This Sunday:* **Jill Basinger & Susan Slagle**  
*Nursery Next Week:* **Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder**

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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**Worship: 154      Sunday School: 72**  
**General Fund: \$7,695.00**

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

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July 9- BMC at New Grounds, 4-7pm  
July 10- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm  
July 11- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am  
July 11- 9am, Stephen Ministries Supervision Group  
July 12- Brown Bag Thursday, (Log Cabin Express) 11am-1pm  
July 19- Brown Bag Thursday,  
(Woodfire Pizza by Charm Sweet Shoppe) 11am-1pm

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**Health Needs:** Ethel Mumaw, Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Karina Yoder.

**Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents:** Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

**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.

**Families in Focus:** Please pray specifically this week for Tom & Shannon Goad and family; Mark Gornto & Melody King and family; Steve & Lydia Goudy.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Soon after Connie and Dennis Byler began their retirement from four decades of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, Dennis was diagnosed with cancer. Dennis underwent surgery last month. Pray for signs of God's presence and peace for the Byler family in Spain as they discern treatment protocols.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Brown Bag Thursdays continue this Thursday, July 12th from 11am-1 pm!** 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 July and August. This Thursday, Log Cabin Express food truck will be on site. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **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 includes a firework show afterwards. Sign up outside the office or go to <https://groupmatics.events/event/Berlinmennonite> to reserve your ticket.
- **Berlin Mennonite will again be running and sponsoring the Real Fruit Smoothie Stand at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale August 3 & 4.** After a successful trial run last year, we want to invite and encourage congregation/community participation in this project. You can help in several ways. Volunteers are needed to work shifts during the sale Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. Please see the bulletin board beside Connie's office to sign up. If you can't volunteer your time, we are seeking monetary donations to cover the cost of fruit. Any donations we receive beyond the cost of fruit will be put toward the purchase of a Vita-mix blender. Currently we are using borrowed Vita-mixes but because this a long-term project for the church it is important for us to begin accumulating our own equipment. Please designate any donations "Relief Sale Smoothie". See Marlea Hershberger, Katie Troyer or Lisa Miller with questions. Thank you!
- **We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school** for the new school year. Sunday School begins September 9. We plan to have teams of three teachers. Class rosters and sign-ups are in the foyer. Thank you to all current volunteers!
- **The following are emails addresses of our friends in Nicaragua.** You are encouraged to reach out to them and encourage them.  
CFCI:  
Fabricio and Claudia [fjmendoza07@gmail.com](mailto:fjmendoza07@gmail.com)  
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Owners of La Quinta Shalom: Marcos and Lois Orozco [marcos.loisorozco@gmail.com](mailto:marcos.loisorozco@gmail.com)
- **Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 pm** you are welcome to stop in at Myron and Sheryl Weaver's home to say goodbye to Alexis. The following morning, he will begin his journey back home to Chad. There is additional parking across the street.