
SERMON NOTES



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

August 5, 2018

FAITH TALK

Mark 4:1–20: “The sower and the seed”

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

(1) Read Mark 4:20. What do you think it means to bear fruit?

(2) Illustrate the story. Show the seed on the path, in the rocky ground, in the thorns, and in good soil.

(3) Read Mark 4:8. Multiply your favorite number by 30, 60, and 100.

*Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “God’s wings of protection.”

Did you know? Name eight cereal grains. (wheat, oats, rice, corn, barley, sorghum, rye, and millet)

Prayer for the week: God, let your word take root in our hearts that we may grow to become more like you. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gathering of God’s People...

Opening Song: Jehovah Jireh

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Dedication of Children

HWB #616 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Praising God’s Name . . .

STS #34 “You Are Holy”

“Ever Be”

Psalms 51:1-3; 10-12

“Create in Me A Clean Heart”

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-24

Message: “Transformation Together”

Responding...

“Take My Life”

Benediction

Today we welcome and thank the families who are dedicating these children. Our prayer is that God will bless these families as they walk through the process of raising these little ones as children of God.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Darius & Emily Meraj** *Worship Leader:* **Myron Weaver**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **Rod & Shannon**
Usher: **Howie Hatfield**
Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**
Greeters: **Mark & Marlea Leinbach** *Next Week:* **Rod & Gail Mast**
Nursery This Sunday: **Angie Yoder & Karina Yoder**
Nursery Next Week: **Carson & Rachel Miller**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 165 Sunday School: 82
General Fund: \$7,504.00 Smoothie: \$150.00
College: \$12,500.00 Central Christian: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

August 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am
August 14- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm
August 20-25- Church Cleaning Week

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Erekson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Bruce & Anne Hummel; John & Suzanne Kalman and family; Richard & Becky Kandel.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Join Mennonite Mission Network in thanking God for Benin Bible Institute's 25 years of training church leaders from more than 70 denominations. Pray for faith-filled and dynamic teachers to step into the positions of those who are retiring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Guest Speakers:** Welcome to Darius & Emily Meraj who are serving in Turkey, as they share during the worship hour.
- **We can't thank you** enough for all your generosity and love shown in the moving process to Walnut Hills, not to mention visits, cards, meals...we could go on and on in praise to a wonderful church family. Ward, Ruth and Ethel Mumaw
- **Brown Bag Thursdays continue this Thursday, August 9th 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 through the end of August. Wood Fire Pizza will be on site during this time. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **Next Sunday, August 12** a Prayer Walk will be held from 3-4 pm at Hiland School Track. All are invited to be a part of this event.
- **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!
- **Church Cleaning Week will take place August 20-25.** A cleaning schedule has been placed in mailboxes. Group leaders are responsible for contacting their helpers to schedule a suitable time to clean their designated area. All cleaning needs to be completed by Saturday, August 25th. Instructions can be found on the schedule. Please contact Linda Miller at 330-231-1369 if you have questions.
- **No Sunday School on August 26th & September 2nd** On August 25th & 26th, the weekend will consist of Saturday evening activities including food and camping here at the church. This is in replacement of Church Weekend Out at Skyview Ranch. September 2nd is Labor Day and we will have a light snack in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- **Youth Savings Week:** Stop by the Everence Federal Credit Union branch in Kidron for Youth Savings Week, August 6-10! We will discover the Science of Saving while having fun. The youth savings account rate is rising for the event, plus youths will receive \$5 if they deposit \$15 in a new or existing youth savings account! Learn more at everence.com/Northeastohio.

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.