
SERMON NOTES



BERLIN

Mennonite Church

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

September 2, 2018

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Song: "You Are Holy"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Sharing: Hanin Omran

Praising God's Name . . .

"Everlasting God"

HWB #606 "Oh, Have You Not Heard"

HWB #363 "Renew Your Church"

Psalm 15

"Speak O Lord"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23

Message: "A New Beginning"

Responding...

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Benediction

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

FAITH TALK

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11: "Jesus' ascension"

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

(1) Read Acts 1:3-5. I wonder why Jesus wanted them to stay in Jerusalem.

(2) Jesus appeared for forty days, speaking of God's kingdom. Work together to name forty things you know about Jesus! Look in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John if you need help.

(3) Find a wide-open place and look up to the clouds. Imagine seeing Jesus being lifted up into a cloud.

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "Precious in God's sight."

Did you know? What kind of clouds are thin, wispy, and high in the sky?

<cirrus clouds>

Prayer for the week: *Loving God, fill us with your spirit that we may carry on the work of Jesus. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Jeff Hochstetler** *Worship Leader:* **Michael Stutzman**
Song Leader: **Vaughn Troyer** *Offertory:* **Seth & Rochelle Cady**
Usher: **Allen Miller**
Audio & Visual: PowerPoint: **Suzanne Kalman**
Greeters: Next Week: **Dr. Leon & Holly Miller**
Nursery This Sunday: **Michael & Lindsay Stutzman**
Nursery Next Sunday: **Kelsey Hochstetler & Sheila Mullet**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund: \$18,521.10 ALMS: \$50.00 Central Christian: \$50.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

September 30- Baby Shower for Jesse & Lisa Miller, 2-4pm
October 2-30- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30am-11am
October 14- Annual Business Meeting, carry in meal following worship

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Ed Kline, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Ethel Mumaw, 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 Sam Kurtz; Jean Lefurgey.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A Ladies Bible Study** will be offered this fall right here at Berlin Mennonite! Mark your calendars for Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am beginning October 2 and ending October 30. Workbooks are \$15. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Secretary's office. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Caron.
- **Electronic Funds Transfer:** Keep in mind that Berlin Mennonite provides the option for donors to set up automatic bank transfers as a way for weekly/monthly giving. There is no charge to the donor. For details look for the forms that are located outside the church office or contact Jill Basinger, BMC Treasurer. Thanks!
- **Address Change:** Please note that Ethel Mumaw's new address is P.O. Box 219, Berlin OH 44687 and her phone number is 330-893-3200 extension 1123. Her cell phone remains the same 330-601-6253.
- **For all Children and JYF Sunday School teachers and those involved with the Children's Sunday School hour:** We would like to invite you to a light breakfast and informational meeting on September 8th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will review the Sunday morning schedule, BMC's Child Protection Policy, and hopefully inspire one another for a new Sunday School year. Please let Emily, Marlea or Jeff know if you are unable to attend.