SERMON NOTES



July 15, 2018

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Songs: STJ #2 "Come Walk With Us"
HWB #154 "This is My Father's World"
Welcome
Announcements
Sam Miller Sharing
Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name...

HWB #46 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

"10,000 Reasons"

Psalm 85:8-13

"Speak O Lord"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word...

Scripture: Mark 6:14-29

Message: "What Herod Can Teach Us- Finding Faith In Terrible Texts"

Responding...

"Mighty to Save"

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: Jeff Hochstetler

Worship Leader: Myron Weaver

Song Leader: Vaughn Troyer

 ${\it Offertory:} \ {\bf Kelsey} \ {\bf Hochstetler}$

Usher: Roger Dunn

Usher Next Sunday: Jr. Schlabach

Audio & Visual: Tony Yoder

Greeters: Lester and Clara Kaufman

Next Week: Ralph and Brenda King

Nursery This Sunday: Jill Basinger & Peg Brand or Jo Yoder

Nursery Next Week: Julie Miller and Angie Yoder

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 169 Sunday School: 59

General Fund: \$7,532.35

Student Aid College: \$1,000.00

Special Offering: \$1,785.00

Smoothie Stand: \$40.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

July 16-20- VBS Babylon, 9am-11am July 19- Brown Bag Thursday, (Woodfire Pizza by Charm Sweet Shoppe) 11am-1pm July 21- Mongolia Breakfast, 200me & Anne Hummel's home,

> July 30- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm August 3 & 4- MCC Relief Sale August 8- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am August 14- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

FAITH TALK

Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd"

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 Psalm 23. Which verse is your favorite and why?
- (2) Tell about a time you experienced a "dark valley." Who or what helped you get through it?
- (3) What restores your soul? What helps you to feel at peace inside?

Did you know? Name three Bible shepherds whose names begin with *A*. (Abel, Abram, Amos)

Prayer for the week: Caring God, we are like sheep resting in a grassy field. We want to be close to you. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Health Needs</u>: Ethel Mumaw, Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, 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

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

<u>Families in Focus:</u> Please pray specifically this week for Howie and Carol Hatfield and family and Ernie and Janice Hershberger.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network are working with the Mennonite seminary in Bogotá to provide online courses that prepare Mennonite youth in Colombia for leadership in the church. Pray for them as they travel to each region to provide personal encouragement to those studying in their home communities.

Mighty To Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

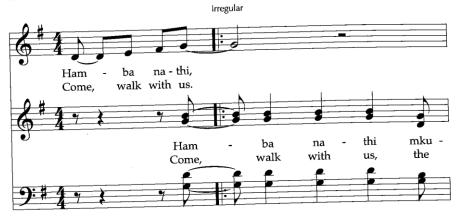
Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we welcome home Sam Miller from Laos. We also welcome Gene & Candace Miller from Kansas. We hope your time with us is both filled with joy and meaning.
- Brown Bag Thursdays continue this Thursday, July 19th 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, Woodfire Pizza 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, Carlos and Aracelis carlosyaracelis@gmail.com, Moises and Meylin meylinpatricia85@gmail.com, Mario and Xochil marioyxochil@gmail.com, Bismarck and Emma bismarck.aburto1967@gmail.com, Judith and Valentin judimariel22@gmail.com, Melvin and Paola melvinmendezplans@gmail.com, Owners of La Quinta Shalom: Marcos and Lois Orozco marcos.loisorozco@gmail.com.
- Thank you for your cards, visits and prayers over the past eight months, they have been encouraging and now comforting. Also, the food prepared by loving hands and kind hearts was appreciated. The church family has joined with us in celebrating the life and faith of Les. -The Les Reid Family.
- Volunteers are needed to help park cars for the Relief Sale which is at the Wooster Fairgrounds again this year. Please call Bruce or Sherri Steiner at (330) 698-6482 for available time slots. Time slots are Friday, Aug 3rd; 2:30 5:30; and 5:15 8:00. Then on Saturday, Aug. 4th; 6:30 9:00, 8:45 11:30, 11:15 2:15. Volunteers should be 16 years or older. Thank you for helping with this ministry.

2 Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)





Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

> Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name



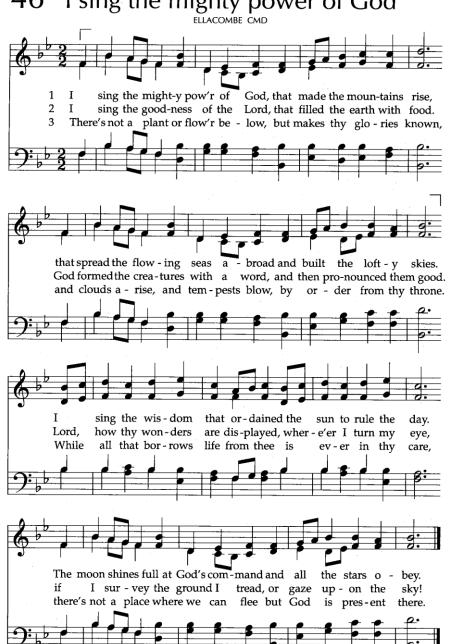
- 2 Share our burden, and join in the song
- 3 Come, uplift us and bring us new life
- 4 Give us peace when the journey is done

This is my Father's world



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, Thoughts for Every-Day Living, 1901 Music: Franklin Sheppard, Alleluia, 1915 PRAISING/ADORING

46 I sing the mighty power of God



Text: Isaac Watts, Divine Songs for Children, 1715, alt.

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784; harmonized by William H. Monk, Hymns Ancient and Modern, Appendix, 1868