

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Morning Worship
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Words for silent meditation: *Even before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD (Psalm 139:4).*

Prelude Gerry Major

Lighting of the Christ candle Dan Kaufman

Announcements

Sharing about their Bethel experience:

 Luke Loganbill and Jennifer Kaufman

Welcome and call to worship Psalm 139 Karen Loganbill
 (HWB 823)

Greetings in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song** To God be the glory HWB 102
 This is my Father's world HWB 154

Scripture Matthew 6:5-15 Dave Wedel
 Pg 960

Children's blessing

Message "pray" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Lord, teach us how to pray aright HWB 350

Offering
* Doxology HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People
 Lord, listen to your children HWB 353

****Sending Song** I want to walk as a child of the light STJ 95
 v. 1&3

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

Welcome to those at Pine Village listening via telephone hook-up

Sermon Notes

Pray
Matthew 6:5-15

Theme

Jesus calls us to pray.

Key Verse

Matthew 6:6 When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.

Notes

A Prayer

Our Father in heaven, open our hearts to your secret grace and mercy.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

8. **Harvest Giving**-An opportunity to share the fruits of your labor with others around the world through MCC. For Harvest Giving envelopes contact Maynard Knepp, maynardknepp@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

9. **MCC** is providing vital items for life to Iraqis affected by conflict, food for displaced families in Gaza, to flooding in the Balkans and advocating for a compassionate response to migrant children along the U.S./Mexico border. Check mcc.org for detailed information about these responses and to join us as we work to address human needs in the name of Christ.

10. **Mennonite Church USA convention is at Kansas City June 30-July 5, 2015.** This is closer than many conventions have been, and we encourage you to consider attending. Here's a list of speakers. <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/kc2015-speaker-line-up-announced/>

Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by **Thur. noon**. Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. **Sunday, August 24**, is Christian Discipleship Sunday. There is no Sunday School.
2. MCUSA has invited us to partner with Mennonites in Tucson giving activity kits to immigrant children arriving at the Tucson Greyhound station. Kits should include a **box of crayons, pencils, blank drawing pads, coloring books, and a small stuffed animal or matchbox car** and can be placed in a cloth bag or gallon-ziploc bag. Ziploc bags with this list are in the foyer for you. On August 4 we will mail the Kits. Money can also be sent for purchasing items there. Mark your check or the small envelop with "Assistance for Migrants."
3. The WZ trustees are seeking a person or persons to take on the **job of church custodian..** This is a paid position. Anyone interested in this position, please contact one of the trustees, Phil L., Bob G. or Leon G.

The trustees wish to **thank Nancy Ottley** for a job well done, and wish her the best in her new job.

4. Western District Conference has launched a Discernment Task Force that will guide our Conference in responding to matters of church doctrine and homosexuality, particularly as the Conference crafts a response to the Rainbow Mennonite resolution introduced at Assembly 2014 in Waxahachie, TX. The Discernment Task Force has asked members and active participants in Western District congregations to fill out a survey. This survey asks about how we understand the Confession of Faith, Mennonite Church USA Membership Guidelines, and the Bible. You can view the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion> or request a paper copy from Karen Loganbill or Pastor Brad. Your participation is vital in providing counsel to the leadership of WDC. Please consider responding to the online survey as soon as possible. To prepare for the survey, it may be helpful to review our Confession of Faith especially articles 14 and 19: www.mennolink.org/doc/cof/; the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church: <http://mennowdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Rainbow-letter-resolution-022714-revised.pdf>; the report from the executive board of Mennonite Church USA following the Mountain States

Conference decision to grant ministry credentials to an individual in a same-sex relationship: http://www.themennonite.org/uploads/File/EBReport_June30_2014.pdf; and the MCUSA membership guidelines: http://resources.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/MembershipGuidelines_2013_July.pdf. On **August 13 at 7:00 pm**, our congregation will hold a meeting to clarify questions related to the survey and to give a short history of the process leading up to the formation of the Discernment Task Force, as well as what to expect in the coming year at MCUSA convention in Kansas City in 2015. On **September 21**, our congregation will hold a second meeting where we can listen to each other and share about our experiences and convictions regarding how the church relates to homosexual folks. More information will follow.

General Announcements

5. **Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church** continues to celebrate 140 years together. Special events planned in July are posted on the bulletin board.
6. **Pine Village's Benefit Day Variety Show** is July 27 at 6 PM in the Wellness Center. This year's show includes David Anderson on the Hammer Dulcimer, Donna Stucky and Carol Haddock on piano, Cameron Clark sharing a story, Adam Robb enlightening us with a science experiment, and several singers including the Roth family – Brad, Lici, Mateo & Elijah, Jamie Kaminkow, Shelby Sparks, and Taylor and Chase Stucky. Mark your calendars for a great evening.
7. MCC Central States has **two new staff people**. Sharon Nelson, the new Young Adult Program Coordinator working from Denver, CO she'll coordinate, recruit for and grow MCC's young adult programs within the Central States region. The best way to contact Sharon is via email sharonnelson@mcc.org. Denise Voth is our new Office Manager, working in North Newton. Denise will work not only to manage the office, finances and donations in North Newton but also disperse staff/programs throughout the region. Denise can be contacted at 316-283-2720 or denisevoth@mcc.org.

~ Wish “ **Happy Birthday**” this week

July 20: Ruth Galle
July 22: Jean Regier
July 23: Dale Wedel
July 24: Bruce Dirks

~Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” this week

July 20: Michelle & Troy Helm
July 25: Mark & Donna Stucky
July 26: John D. & Jean Toews

Joys and Concerns

Ron, James, and David Schmidt at the passing of their mother, Alice
Mark and Donna Stucky at the passing of Mark’s sister Jeanne Carey

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for Brian and Kelly McPhail as they deepen their relationships with their English students in China throughout the summer, and as they assist in coordinating visits with Fuller Theological Seminary and Mennonite Partners in China.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the Discernment Task Force of WDC as they guide the conference-wide conversation and decisions in response to the Rainbow Mennonite Church resolution asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors to determine their pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction.

Attendance: Sunday School: 21 Worship: 70

Sunday-July 27

9:30 am: Sunday School	10:30 am: Worship Service
Worship Leader: Duane Becker	Scripture: Harvey Thiessen
Message: Pastor Brad	Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr	Music: Mike Flavin
Greeter: Earl & Frances Neufeld	
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl	
Jr. Usher: Zechariah James	

Coming Events

July 26: Pine Village Variety Show 6 PM
July 27-Aug 1: Becky out of the office, head cook at Camp
 Mennoscah, bulletin printed Sat. Aug 2
August 5: CDT 9 AM, Mission Team 11 AM
August 6: Deacons 4:30 PM
August 12: Worship Team 10 AM
August 13: 7 PM meeting to talk about WDC survey
August 16: Sisters Praying (SPACE)
August 20: Church Council 7:30 PM
August 23: Kids Worship Event 10 AM, (more details to come)
August 24: (No SS) Christian Disciple Sunday and Breakfast
Sept. 21: Congregational listening meeting –the church and
 homosexuality.

