

**11. 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-
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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. Next week (Aug.17), we will be celebrating communion. Let us prepare our hearts so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord.
2. Thanks to all who contributed supplies and/or money for the activity kits for immigrant children. Thirty-three kits were sealed and sent to Tucson. With an unprecedented number of Central American families fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries and arriving at the U.S. border, Mennonite Central Committee has begun an initial response and is planning further assistance. For years MCC has provided services and resources as U.S. congregations welcome newcomers, and supported projects to address the root causes of migration so more people can choose not to leave home. You can give to this effort at donate.mcc.org/migrants, by calling [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676), or by sending donations to MCC U.S., 21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA 17501, specifying "Central American migrants." MCC also invites your prayers for these families; see mcc.org/act-for-migrant-families for background information, a faith reflection and suggestions for Christian advocacy.
3. **CDT Serving Up Breakfast** Christian Discipleship Team would like to invite the **entire** congregation to a breakfast on Sunday, Aug 24, at 9:30 AM. We appreciate the hard work that goes into preparation for Sunday School and celebrating the opportunity to grow in our faith through Christian education. Youth who attended Camp Mennoscah will share some of their experiences and we will hear about the new Sunday School curriculum SHINE - Living in God's Light.
4. **Women & Girls Retreat Featuring Retreat Speaker Norma Duerksen, Sept. 5-7.** Friday Evening "Menno Spa" Activities & Snacks. All women and girls in 3rd grade and above are invited. Come for one night or both. **The deadline is Aug. 22. If you mail forms by Aug. 5 a \$5 discount applies.** If interested contact Wynona Becker for registration forms at 345-2498, cell 345-6824.
5. 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

6. **The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is Monday, August 11 from 1:30 6 PM** at Pine Village Wellness Center. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment!
7. **Day on the Farm is Saturday, August 16.** The day begins at 10 AM and includes lunch. Admission is free but there is an opportunity for donations that go to the ministry of Agri-Urban which supports Bethel College, Mennonite Church USA and Western District Conference. The event is held at the Durerkesen/Knepp farm. More information is on the bulletin board or, go to mennowdc.org under the Events tab.

8. Pine Village will host the 3rd Annual Benefit Day **Bierock Meal** on Friday, August 22 from 5 -7 PM. at the Wellness Center. The meal is \$6 and includes Bierock, Baked Beans, Chips, Pickle, and Cupcake. Bierocks are homemade and are available to purchase by the dozen too. All proceeds go towards the 2014 Benefit Day Project – the remodeling of the extremely outdated bathing rooms in The Neighborhoods.

9. **The opening concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series**, presented by the Dyck Arboretum: Red Molly is Friday, August 22 at 7 PM. at the Historic Fox Theatre in Newton. Enjoy their gorgeous a capella ballads, flawless three-part harmonies, bluegrass-tinged folk and jazzy western swing. Concert tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve tickets. For more information, visit www.dyckarboretum.org.

10. **Pine Village Garage Sale** is September 26-27. Donations are accepted again this year. We encourage you to begin cleaning out store rooms and garages of items you no longer use and donate them to the benefit Garage Sale. The only items that will not be accepted are adult clothes. All proceeds go towards the remodeling of the extremely outdated bathing rooms in The Neighborhoods. More information to come.

~ Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week

August 11: Daniel Kaufman

August 16: Ruth Schmidt

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

August 11: Keith & Amy Krehbiel , Jeremy & Brittany Kessler

August 12: Will & Ellen Kaufman , Lici & Brad Roth

Joys and Concerns

Terry Kessler, beginning a new job as a corrections officer at Hutchinson Correctional Facility

Thank you for all the support, cards, visits, prayers, and birthday wishes during my time in the hospital and Pine Village. It was truly appreciated. As I regain my strength at home I know that God will continue to be by my side.
Doris Loganbill

Kathy Hayes, recovering after knee surgery.

Ariane Bergen and family as Ariane prepares to return to MCC service in Nicaragua.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with MMN, foster community life in the residence halls at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for them as they build relationships with the 53 Russian students and 69 Ukrainian students on campus, helping them listen to each other and develop conflict resolution skills.

Attendance: Sunday School: 37 Worship:62

Sunday- August 17

Communion

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Connie Kaufman

Message: Pastor Brad

Accompanist: Luke Loganbill

Candle Lighter: Dan Kaufman

Greeters: Randy Kessler & Aline Bachman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Dan Kaufman

Coming Events

August 12: Worship Team 10 AM

August 13: 7 PM meeting to talk about WDC survey

August 16: Sisters Praying (SPACE) 9-10 AM

August 20: Church Council 7:30 PM

August 22: Craft Night 5 PM-12 AM

August 23: Kids Worship Event 10 AM, (more details to come)

August 24: (No SS) Christian Disciple Sunday and Breakfast

August 28: 9/28 Sunday School Picnic @ Jr. Loganbill's farm

Sept. 21: Congregational listening meeting –the church and homosexuality.

