## **West Zion Mennonite Church**

9:30 am: Sunday School10:30 am: Morning WorshipVol.XLIXJuly 27, 2014No 30

Words for silent meditation:Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! (Psalm 105:3)

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Kaleigh Guhr

Announcements

Welcome and call to worship Psalm 105:1-4 (on screen)

Duane Becker

Greetings in Christ's Peace

Seeds scattered and sown Mike Flavin

\*\*Celebrating in song The love of God STJ 44

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB 37

Scripture Matt.6:16-18 Harvey Thiessen

Pg 960

Children's blessing

You are mine Mike Flavin

Message fast Pastor Brad

Song of Response Will you come and follow me STS 39

(v.1,3)

Offering

\*Doxology

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song Give me joy in my heart S&R 28

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl

Jr. Usher: Zechariah James

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

### **Sermon Notes**

fast

Matthew 6:16-18

<u>Theme</u>

Christ invites us to hunger for God.

Key Verse

(Matthew 6:18b) Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<u>Notes</u>

### A Prayer

God of abundance, empty us of all that does not lead to you, that we might be filled with Christ's presence and peace.

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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<u>Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.</u> Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

- 1. **Sunday, August 24**, is Christian Discipleship Sunday. There is no Sunday School.
- 2. **Ariane Bergen** is returning for a break from her service with MCC in Nicaragua. She will share about her experiences during the SS hour on August 3. Our congregation has helped to sponsor Ariane. Please mark your calendars and join us to hear about Ariane's work!
- 3. 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."
- 4. 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.
- 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/wpcontent/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: <a href="http://www.themennonite.org/uploads/File/EBReport\_June30\_2014.pdf">http://www.themennonite.org/uploads/File/EBReport\_June30\_2014.pdf</a>; 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. Pine Village's Benefit Day Variety Show is Tonight, July 27 at 6 PM in the Wellness Center. This year's show includes David Anderson on the Hammer Dulcimer, Donna Stucky and Carol Hadduck 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. Everence Gift Annuity

"Generosity is about more than money; it is about our relationship to God and how we choose to use the possessions with which we have been blessed."

A gift annuity is a great tool in blessing others while meeting one's own living expense needs. Cultivating a generous lifestyle both today and after we are gone is one way we can honor God with our lives and resources. See our Everence advocate, Connie Graber, to get a handout that explains how a Gift Annuity can help you support your favorite charities while providing you with payments for life. Everence is a faith-based financial organization committed to helping you integrate your faith and finances.

~ Wish " Happy Birthday" this week

July 27: Mike Kaufman July 28: Wendy Seger July 29: Doris Loganbill & Julie Buller July 30: Phil Lohrenz & Roman Wenger

~Wish "Happy Anniversary" this week

July 27: Chuck & Kelly Loganbill July 28: Justin & Tiffany Regehr August 1: Jerry & Wynona Becker

## **Joys and Concerns**

Clare Galle, recovering at home after having a heart stent put in.

### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

This is a month of transitions for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants. Some finish their terms and others begin. Pray that God would bless their coming out and their going in. Pray especially for Matthew Cordella, serving in Elkhart, Ind., as he recovers from back surgery.

## **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Pray for Richard Gehring, moderator, and Anita Kehr, moderator elect, as they assume their new responsibilities in WDC.

Attendance: Sunday School:26 Worship:78

## **Sunday- August 3**

9:30 am: Sunday School
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Message: Pastor Brad
10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Leon Guhr
Accompanist: Crysta Guhr

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeter: Randy Kessler & Aline Bachman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

# **Coming Events**

**Tonight**: 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 3: Ariane Bergen will share during the SS hour.

August 5: CDT 9 AM, Mission Team 1 PM

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