



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](http://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.

Pastor Brad Roth

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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. **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/](http://www.mennolink.org/doc/cof/); the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church: [http://mennowdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Rainbow-letter-resolution-022714-](http://mennowdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Rainbow-letter-resolution-022714-revised.pdf)

[revised.pdf](http://www.themennonite.org/uploads/File/EBReport_June30_2014.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](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](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



