



## 9. 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.

**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. The family of Alice Schmidt wishes to express their gratitude for the many acts of kindness in thoughts, deeds, and prayers in our time of loss.
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. **Women & Girls Retreat Featuring Retreat Speaker Norma Duerksen.** Friday Evening "Menno Spa" Activities & Snacks. All women and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

6. 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-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](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

7. **The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is **Monday, August 11 from 1:30 6 PM** at Pine Village Wellness Center. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment!

8. Pine Village will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Day **Bierock Meal** on Friday, August 22 from 5 -7 PM. at the Wellness Center. The meal is \$6 and include 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.

8. **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 3: Janice Dyck

August 6: William Kempf & Arlen Fast

August 7: Kandyce Nelson

August 8: Geneva Wedel

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

August 5: Dave & Zettie Wedel

August 6: Dwayne & Deanne Schmidt

### **Joys and Concerns**

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

Paul Unruh, Gerry Major’s brother-in-law as he recovers from knee surgery at Showalter Villa.

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

Last week, Muslims around the world finished celebrating Ramadan, their holiest month of the year. MMN personnel in Muslim contexts find that this is a time of increased spiritual openness. Today, pray that Muslims would encounter Jesus in life-giving ways.

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

Pray for our Youth Pastors, Youth Sponsors, and Youth Mentors as they begin a new year in encouraging our youth to follow Jesus in all of life.

Attendance: Sunday School: 21 Worship: 76

## **Sunday- August 10**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

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

**Message:** Pastor Brad

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Candle Lighter:** Mason

**Greeters:** Randy Kessler & Aline Bachman

**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl

**Jr. Usher:** Kaleigh Guhr

## **Coming Events**

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.

