

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 5, 2014

Good Morning! Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary.

Our ushers are **Robert and Krista Kaufman**; our greeters are **Dolores Jankovich and Kathy Darcy**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if have questions about the location of Sunday School rooms or the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Karla Leuenberg, Tanya Ortman, and Abby Banning**.

Closing Trustee: **Russel Yoder**

Today we thank Darin and Erica Penner for sharing. You can receive updates and health news by visiting their Caring Bridge site:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/pennerfamily

The **Taize** service scheduled for January 1 has been rescheduled for January 8 at 5:45 pm in observance of New Years Day.

Sr. High Youth and Parents - Mark your calendars! On Sunday, January 12, we will be ice skating at the Ice Terrace at Crown Center. Plan to meet in the main lobby of Crown Center (in front of Sheridan's) at 4:00pm. We will grab dinner afterward and should be finished by 7:00pm. We hope you all can come! -Tina, Josh, Josh, and Alyssa

FINAL CALL to update the Picture Wall: if your photo is missing, or if you want to update your photo, please 1) see Philip in Fellowship Hall, or 2) you may email a jpeg to phil.rhoads@gmail.com, or 3) you may bring a print to be scanned.

An annual business meeting of the Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation will be held a 11:45 a.m. on January 26, 2014, in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting agenda includes the following items:

- Approval of minutes from October 2013 quarterly meeting
- Approval of slate for 2014 elected positions
- Treasurer's report on 2013 budget
- Approval of 2014 budget
- Update on the hire of a Youth Ministers Director
- Acceptance of Committee reports, including an update from Sharing Communities of Rosedale committee
- Further discussion on Pocket Park/Bus stop/orchard

Complete agendas for the meeting will be available at least two weeks prior to the meeting. If anyone has any questions about the meeting or agenda, please contact Mary Redmon, moderator.

Rainbow Peace & Justice calendars for 2014 — suggested donation for the P&J Fund — \$20.00. As an added feature for this year, give me important dates for your family (birthdays, wedding anniversary) and I will print your family photo on those dates of your PERSONALIZED calendar. Samples of 1) PERSONALIZED calendar, 2) SMALL Numbers, and 3) LARGE Numbers with sign-up sheet and donation envelope is on a table near the kitchen, or you may email phil.rhoads@gmail.com.

December 29

Attendance.....	127
Visitors (included in attendance count)	18

This Week

Tuesday	January 7	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 8	Taize Service	5:45 pm
Thursday	January 9	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	January 12	MVS Board	12:00 pm
Saturday	January 18	Worship Committee Retreat	9:30 am

*The complete church calendar is available at www.rainbowmennonite.org.

Winter Adult Education Classes

Growing Older.....Wesley Room

This class focuses on the many diverse aspects of aging in our society. Topics such as wisdom for retirement, the encore chapter, supporting aging parents, the medicalization of dying and other themes will be discussed.

Holy Land Revealed (Lectures on DVD).....Room 110

This class is a continuation of the DVD lecture series from the fall. Jodi Magness, PH.D, lectures on the archeological history of Israel and Palestine with comparisons to the Biblical accounts.

Historical Jesus.....Sunflower Room

This class is a discussion of the book *Historical Jesus: What Can We Know and How Can We Know It* by Jeff Anthony Le Donne. The book asks two primary questions: What does “historical” mean? How should we apply this to Jesus? And these questions will be used to facilitate a discussion to help better understand who Jesus was and how we can know what we do know about him.

The Wired Word.....Library

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. Each Thursday, lessons are emailed to the facilitators with the scriptural texts and questions for discussion. Lesson materials will be emailed each week.