

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 13, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**; our greeters are **John and Jan Albertson**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

This Wednesday will be the last Lenten Taizé service at 5:45 pm. We will share communion.

There will be a **congregational meeting and potluck** on Sunday April 27.

Interested in learning more about the conflict in Israel and Palestine? Please join me over lunch TODAY in the fellowship hall for an overview of my recent participation in a Mennonite Church USA delegation to Israel and Palestine. I'll share about my experiences then open up time for questions and conversation around this very complicated and tragic conflict. Bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact me at tanyaortman@gmail.com. --Tanya Ortman

Renee Reimer has been hired as our new half-time Youth Program Director! She will begin Monday, June 9

Donations humbly requested: As you know, a group of eleven is planning to travel on behalf of the congregation to Colombia in June to work on a service project through MCC. We have had two phenomenal fundraisers and want to express our deepest appreciation--truly, thank you to all who have supported these events!! At this point, we are still short of our goal. We are in the process of planning one more fundraiser to happen late spring/early summer. However, if anyone feels interested or able, we would welcome contributions outside of the fundraisers. We thank you, in advance, for your willingness to consider donating to the Service Trip Fund.

Pray without ceasing! On April 20 we will have a ritual in worship whereby we affirm and release the prayers in our Prayer Bowl into God's keeping and into the good earth. After pouring water on them, they will be tilled into our Rainbow garden, symbolic of the fruit and life that we hope grows from our praying. Our hope is to have a similar Prayer Bowl ritual every year around Easter, so keep praying! Note that these prayers have been offered anonymously and have not been read by anyone at Rainbow. If you have a prayer request that you would like a pastor or deacon to be aware of, please find some way, even if anonymously, to make that request.

The **Little Free Library** is in need of children's books! Please drop off any donations in the marked bag in the coat rack by the Wesley Room.

Ben Shenk from South Bend, IN. will be moving to the metro area this summer to begin a job for Kiewit Power Engineers in Lenexa, KS. He is interested in **finding a rental house or apartment** within 15 minutes or so of his work. If you know of any possibilities, please contact Ben.

Come to Rocky **Mountain Mennonite camp on May 23-26** for our annual Memorial Day Work & Play Retreat. There is no cost for the weekend which begins at 7pm on Friday and ends after breakfast on Monday. On Saturday, individuals and families help around camp with various projects. On Sunday, families can play by hiking, kayaking on the pond, exploring the nature trail, taking a nap, and more! Please register online (www.rmmc.org), call (719-687-9506) or email (info@rmmc.org) the camp to let us know you can come!

The **29th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Whitmore Park, for children ages 1-10 and volunteers are needed! Below is the schedule of activities listing the different ways you can get involved:

Friday, April 18

1:00 pm - Boil eggs

6:30pm - Color eggs (120 dozen)

Saturday, April 19

7:30am - Clean park

8:30am - Set up park, bubbles, hide eggs and candy, inflate balloons

9:30am - Face painting, crowd/traffic control, music, balloon animals, Easter bunny

10:30am - Hunt begins with 150-300 children participating

11:30am - Clean-up

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday or contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org if you're interested in volunteering.

The church hosted a very successful **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Tuesday, April 8. The Fellowship Hall was completely full with approximately 100 people. Families from the community had a fun evening playing board games, while enjoying homemade pizza. The event also provided an opportunity for families to sign-up for Freedom School this summer. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with this event!

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Attendance.....	120
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Sunday	April 13	Lunch and Learn	12:00 pm
Wednesday	April 16	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	April 18	Egg Boiling	1:00 pm
		Egg Coloring	6:30 pm
Saturday	April 19	Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am

Next Week

Thursday	April 24	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
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Spring Adult Education Classes

David and Goliath.....Wesley Room

This class is a discussion of the book *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* by Malcolm Gladwell. With a “use what you got” attitude, Gladwell is able to move through history highlighting figures such as Lawrence of Arabia and Martin Luther King Jr, Gladwell shows the “underdogs” prevail.

The Nonviolent God.....Room 110

This class is a discussion of the book *The Nonviolent God* by Dr. J. Denny Weaver. *The Nonviolent God* explores the positive images that the narrative of Jesus has on Christian living, including nonviolent practices, forgiveness and restorative justice, issues of racism and sexism, and more.

State of Wonder.....Sunflower Room

This class is a discussion of the book *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a novel that follows pharmaceutical researcher Dr. Marina Singh through her journey into the Amazon jungle. This novel is emotional, vivid, and a work of literature that will resonate with readers in the weeks and months to come.

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.