

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 20, 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 **John Mueller and Kayla Bartel**; our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller and Katelyn Huxman**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

There will be a **congregational meeting and potluck** on Sunday April 27 and the **agenda** can be found in the congregation section of the church website. We will be voting on this proposed change to the Rainbow Mennonite constitution: Under Article V.A.3.C.3. Personnel Committee, between the words two and individuals will be inserted the words "or more" so that the description shall read:

"The Personnel Committee shall consist of the following individuals:

--The Moderator-Elect

--Two or more individuals appointed by the Moderator with the approval of the Church Council

Pray without ceasing! Today 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 Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council has invited everyone in the community to come together in a **Prayer for Community Peace** at 1 pm today. Pray from your home, car, family meal, or wherever you may be. A handout with a common prayer on it is available at the East and West doors to the sanctuary, as well as in the fellowship hall.

Mike Fonkert, from the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, will be at Rainbow on **Thursday, April 24, at 1:00 pm**. As the Kansas City Area Coordinator, Mike works to connect individuals and groups in the work toward ending the death penalty in Kansas. If you are interested in learning more about KCADP and discussing how Rainbow might become more involved in this work, please join Pastor Ruth and others in this conversation on Thursday.

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 approximately \$3000 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.

Another work day opportunity! On Saturday morning, May 3, we will be holding the annual Mennonite Voluntary Service (**MVS**) **house workday**. Come as early as 8:30 and we'll work until noon. We'll have outdoor work but also tasks indoors--you take your pick! Don't miss this great chance to show your support for MVS in our community and hang out with our awesome MVSers!

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.

The **office will be closed** on Monday in observance of Easter Monday.

Attention all **high school students**: Pastor Ruth invites you to join her for conversations about faith, the Bible, theology, ethics, and baptism. Meet in the

pastor's office at 11:00 am on the following Sundays: April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18.

Do you have a high school or college graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming '**Rainbow Graduate List**'. Please provide their name and current school (and their college degree, if applicable) to the church office. Contact the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org or 913.236.8820.

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Attendance.....	169
Visitors (included in attendance count)	7

This Week

Thursday	April 24	Mike Fonkert	1:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	April 27	Congregational Potluck and Meeting	11:45 am
Tuesday	April 29	Enrollment Night for Freedom School	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 3	MVS Work Day	8:00 am

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.