

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 27, 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 **Jim Gaeddert and Jonathan Bollinger**; our greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Cynthia Kaufman, Eric Jantzen, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

There will be a **congregational meeting and potluck** TODAY. The **agenda** can be found in the congregation section of the church website. Hard copies will be available in Fellowship Hall.

Today Matt Kirby, who is working on the design phase of a new pulpit, is here to learn more about our church and worship life. He will be available for conversation in the Sanctuary immediately following the service, as well as during Sunday school. Members of the pulpit task force will also be available for conversation. More information about this pulpit project will be given at the congregational meeting TODAY. More information about Matt can be found at www.mattkirby.com

Today is the last Sunday the choir will sing in worship for a few months. That means that from May through August, **there are lots of opportunities for small ensembles, solos, and all sorts of combinations of voices and instruments** to share musically in the worship services. I can help you find music and get things organized, particularly if you want to get a group of friends together to sing but don't know how to go about finding music and such. We have lots of gifted accompanists who can help, too. Consider it an opportunity to share and stretch. ~*Rosi Penner Kaufman*

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 beginning TODAY and continuing May 4, 11, and 18.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 29th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Whitmore Park a success! Approximately 120-150 people attended. We couldn't have done it without the support of volunteers who spread woodchips and cleaned up the park, boiled and dyed the eggs, filled balloons with helium and handed them out, hid the eggs and candy, provided face painting, made balloon animals, dressed up as the Easter bunny, helped with traffic control, and entertained the kids while they waited. This year we had the wonderful addition of strolling musicians. Many thanks to the more than 60 volunteers who made this event possible! ~*The Park Committee*

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! Contact Tanya Ortman with any questions.

Christian Buller will be presenting his Senior French horn recital at the University of Colorado on Sunday, April 27 at 8:30 pm central. The recital is available to watch live online at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/christian-buller-senior-recital>. The video will also be available at the same link any time following the recital! Feel free to direct any questions to Christian Buller.

Attention **Senior High youth and parents**! Our next youth group event will be Saturday, May 10. We will be volunteering at Community LINC (located at 4012 Troost), an organization that provides transitional housing for homeless families in the area. We will meet at the church at 8:30am on Saturday and will come back to the church around 1:30, after we grab some lunch after our volunteering. Please let us know if you can make it! -Joshua, Josh, Alyssa and Tina

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.

It's been a **remarkable year for the choir**, learning pieces by composers from J.S. Bach and Charles Stanford to Dolly Parton and Freddy Mercury. Thanks to the following people who have been part of the choir this year:

Becky Bartel
 Madeline Bollinger
 Jan Buerge
 Joe Duerksen
 Kate Duncan
 LeeAnn Duncan
 Aaron Dyck
 Justine Erb
 Gail Goeke
 Jan Good-Bollinger
 Duane Graber
 Linda Graham
 Marilyn Hauschild
 Clif Hostetler
 Jeff Janzen
 Laurel Kauffman

Ralph Kauffman
 Melissa Kauffman
 Krista Kaufman
 Kenton Kaufman
 Sophie Lapp
 Caitlin Linscheid
 George Melby
 Marsha Rhoads
 Phil Rhoads
 Kyle Unruh
 Hannah Unruh
 Natasha VanDyke
 Betty Wyckoff

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Attendance.....	271
Visitors (included in attendance count)	71

This 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

Next Week

Tuesday	May 6	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	May 7	Taize Service	5:45 pm
Thursday	May 8	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	May 9	Garden 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.