

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 4, 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 **Kent and Will Moore**; our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jana Graham**. 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 **Kenton and Holly Kaufman and Kayla Bartel**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

The **roses** in today's service are in **celebration** of the birth of Sebastian Diego, son of Ryan and Tania (Casas) Wallace; Audrey Johanna, daughter of Erik and Elizabeth (Van Dyke) Stamper; and Lucas Wade, son of Andrew and Janel Voth.

Today's **vocal ensemble** is comprised of current and former members of the East Hills Singers, founded in 1996 by former Rainbow member Elvera Voth and supported through the years by many at Rainbow. The East Hills Singers are part of Arts in Prison, an arts program at Lansing Correctional Facility. There is so more to say than can be contained in a short paragraph -- talk with one of the singers if you want to know more. They also have a concert tonight at Christ Church Anglican at 4 pm, with an art show starting at 3 pm.

Thank you to Josh Chittum, Brett Jackson, Mitch Kaufman and Judy Hartzler (Jan's sister) for helping re-assemble the structure in front of the sanctuary.

We're on **FACEBOOK!** Head over to www.facebook.com/rainbowmennonite to like the page and get updates on what's happening at Rainbow.

The **Albertsons are selling out!** Come to the auction on Saturday May 10 at 10:30 am at 15712 Parallel Rd, Basehor, KS. You name it; it's selling for auction prices!

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

Larry and Becky Bartel invite you to **an open house Saturday, May 17**, from 2-5 pm, in honor of Kayla Bartel, graduating from Olathe North High School, and Doug Bartel, graduating from KU.

Next Sunday May 11 we will have the following recognitions during worship: Bibles will be given to those entering 4th grade, Sunday school teachers will be thanked for their hard work this year, and hymnals will be given to our three high school graduates. A listing of all of our **Rainbow Graduate list** will be included in the newsnotes next week so be sure to send Ashton, Office Manager, the name of your graduate or degree no later than Wednesday, May 4.

Does anyone have a **side-to-side infant swing** that could be borrowed for a long weekend? We need it May 8 or 9 through May 14. If so, please contact Jan or Lonnie Buerge. Thank you.

We are thrilled to announce that Rainbow has received a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (CICW) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The \$12,000 grant will fund a year-long project that will help us focus on our **WorshipArts program** for both kids and adults. It is one of 31 grants totaling more than \$300,000 awarded for 2014 by the CICW to churches, schools and seminaries across North America. The grant was written by Ruth, Terri, and Rosi. We are excited about the opportunities this provides. The summer will be spent planning and organizing, and we are planning a kick-off event for mid-August when we'll share more details. Stay tuned!

It takes **teachers to run a Sunday School** program, but thankfully you don't need experience or expertise to teach; enthusiasm, an open mind, and a willing heart will do just fine! A sign-up sheet will be posted in the next several weeks. Please consider teaching a Sunday School session or two in June. You could sign up individually or co-teach with a friend or family member! Curriculum and lesson ideas will be provided. Contact the Youth Education Committee with questions.
-Lee Ann Duncan, Emma Janzen, Kathryn Simmons, and David Schrag

The 2013-2014 Sunday School year will end on May 18. Summer Sunday School will be **offered** during the five Sundays in June. Parents, please complete a very short survey at this link to help with planning for those June sessions. <http://goo.gl/al8NVB>

World's Window is partnering with Rose Brooks Center to bring attention to domestic violence raise funds for the prevention and emergency services organization. In exchange for donations of new and gently-used women's clothing, you will receive a Golden Ticket for your free entry to the Grand Finale Party on Thursday, May 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. Hundreds of donated clothing items at \$10 each, prizes and drawings, 20% discounts throughout our store, live jazz by Brett Jackson and Jeff Stokes, and great food. Clothing donations must be dropped off at World's Window by Monday, May 5. **You can purchase your Golden Ticket for \$10 and enjoy all the festivities** if you do not have clothes to donate

Freedom School Update

Rainbow Mennonite Freedom School enrollment went quicker this year than ever before! We have filled 100 slots and already have 18 children on the waiting list. Freedom School is clearly meeting a need in the community.

The Sharing Community in Rosedale is launching an Individual Giving Campaign to support Freedom School this summer. The goal is to raise \$25,000. The 2014 budget for the school is \$100,457, and 81% of that amount has been raised to date. Your individual gift will help us meet budget and begin to replenish reserves. Persons are encouraged to make checks payable to Sharing Community in Rosedale, but they can also be made out to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated for Freedom School. Feel free to talk with Rachel Hostetler or Alan Huxman with questions or for more information.

Freedom School Story:

One parent observed that her daughter developed more self-confidence after coming to Freedom School last summer. She previously was very shy, but then after Freedom School she opened up and no longer stumbled over words when reading out loud. This family lives at Rosedale Ridge, which is the low-income housing complex at the top of Mill St. hill.

April 20

Attendance.....	151
Visitors (included in attendance count)	10

This Week

Tuesday	May 6	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	May 7	Taize Service	5:45 pm
Saturday	May 10	Garden Work Day	9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	May 11	MVS Board Meeting	12:00 pm
Thursday	May 15	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm

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.