

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 25, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**; our greeters are **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or 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 **Kendric Beachey, Marsha Rhoads, and Katelyn Huxman**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Calling all delegates! It's time to decide who from Rainbow will be a delegate to the 2014 Western District Conference Assembly from July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. Remember that our goal is to have a full slate of delegates, which means we would like to have a minimum of nine people attend from Rainbow. You can learn more about the schedule and registration process here: <http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/>. Registration is covered by the church, but lodging and meals are not. However, there are several low cost options. Please email Ashton no later than June 1 if you are interested in being a delegate or if you have questions about attending as a non-delegate.

Summer Sunday school will be offered in June and teachers are needed. All curriculum and materials will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be downstairs next to the donuts and coffee, or you can contact education committee members LeeAnn Duncan, Emma Janzen, or Dave Schrag.

The **congregational meeting minutes** from the April 27 meeting are posted on bulletin board and website under "congregation." There were many items discussed and decisions made. **The next meeting will be on July 13.**

The **Rosedale Farmers Market** is now open! The Market operates every Sunday from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm in the Commerce Bank parking lot at 4020 Rainbow Blvd. across from KU Medical Center. It's a great place to purchase produce, starter plants, honey, baked goods, jams and jellies. Plus, there will be kids activities, cooking demonstrations and a free raffle for our weekly prize. Come see what's happening at the Market after church!

The topic for the **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum on Thursday, May 29 is "Keep it Sharp!" This will be a more informal session than usual and includes a Happy Hour and also a focus on Brain Games and ways to keep your mind sharp. Sara Kurtz with Landon Center will be showing a few slides and leading the activities. The forum will be held at the Donnelly College Community Event Center, 608 N. 18th Street, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information at karenh@sckck.org.

Second Wind is the title of the latest book by Dr. Bill Thomas, an internationally-known physician, writer and musician in the aging field. (changingaging.org). The book's publication is being celebrated with an unusual book-tour of 25 cities, including Kansas City. There are two events planned for May 22. The first is a morning workshop with Dr. Thomas, at the Kansas City Design Center. The focus for this is on the arts, including the design arts, as a tool for social change. The second is an afternoon "non-fiction theater" performance hosted by Dr. Thomas and including expert commentary, music, film, and story-telling. It will be held at The Folly Theater. There is no charge, but you need to register. [Click here](#) for a flyer about the events and to register. For more information, contact Karen Hostetler, Next Chapter Kansas City Director, at karenh@sckck.org

“**Like**” Rainbow on Facebook, www.facebook.com/rainbowmennonite to stay up to date on what's happening at the church.

Are you interested in learning more about Rainbow (history, organization, culture)? Do you have interest in becoming a member or have questions about what that involves? If so, **join Pastor Ruth in her office on Sunday, June 1** for conversation during the Sunday school hour. Please let Ruth know if you plan to attend or have questions.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office May 29-31. She will be visiting former Rainbow pastors and leaders, as well as Rainbow members who have recently relocated. Claire Zehner will be on call for any pastoral needs.

The office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign! To date, we have collected \$9950 to help us reach our goal of raising \$25,000. The 2014 budget for the school is \$100,457, and 91% of that amount has now been raised. 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

Part of what makes Freedom School different than regular school is that each day starts with "Harambee", an energetic, celebratory welcome to the new school day. Harambee is a Kiswahili word that means "let's pull together". For 30 minutes, students and staff lift each other up through songs, movement, cheers, readings and affirmations. It's common to hear staff and students say Harambee is their favorite time of the day. Recently a former Freedom School scholar told her cousin that "[Freedom School] is the greatest place on earth. You'll love it."

Freedom school Sunday celebration will be Sunday June 15. Several staff members will be here to offer reflections.

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| Attendance | 134 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 13 |

This Week

Monday May 26 Memorial Day, Office Closed All Day

Next Week

Tuesday June 3 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday June 6 Willa Gill Food Kitchen 10:30 am