

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 22, 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 and Jan Albertson**; our greeter is **Dan Duncan**. 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 **Jeff Janzen, LeeAnn Duncan, and Andrew Moore**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

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Please pray for...

- The Rainbow group traveling to Colombia who will return June 29.
- The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA as they meet together June 26-28 in Chicago. The call to prayer issued reads as follows: *For many years, Mennonites have been involved in conversations about denominational membership guidelines, about the participation of members of the LGBTQ community in congregational and denominational life, and about how individuals and congregations read and interpret Scripture. These conversations will continue during the upcoming Executive Board meeting in June. One of their primary tasks will be to prayerfully discern how Mennonite Church USA can move forward together in the midst of disagreement, drawing on feedback received from various groups.*

**Summer Sunday school** will be offered in June for grades K-8 and will meet in the Rainbow Room (next to the kitchen).

Thanks to everyone who attended **Hot Dogs in the Park** last Saturday. Over 100 people attended, including many children from the community. A special thanks to Riley Long for entertaining the children with his juggling. Thank you for your support of this event!

Renee Reimer, Youth Program Director, will be counseling at **Camp Mennoscah** the week of July 13-19th. Any youth going into grades 8-9th are welcome to attend! She will be willing to drive youth down and back to Camp Mennoscah for that week of camp. It will be a fun filled week at camp with the Klingenbergers!

**WorshipArts** invites you to “Brunch and Learn” on either Sunday August 17 or Sunday August 24. The program and menu will be the same for both; we scheduled two dates with the hope that everyone will be able to participate on one or the other of the Sundays. The brunch will be catered by Deco Catering, at no cost to those who attend. However, we ask that you register for your preferred date by AUGUST 1 by going to <http://rainbowmennonite.org/worship/worship-arts/> and clicking on “register for brunch and learn.”

Pastor Mervin Hershberger is retiring from **Argentine Mennonite Church**. You are invited to an open house honoring him and his wife Judy on Sunday, June 29 from 2-4 pm at Argentine Mennonite (3701 Metropolitan Ave, Kansas City, KS).

**Apartment for rent** in Argentine area of KCK: includes utilities, cable TV, internet, washer & dryer and garage. Available August 1st. For more info please contact Glenda Campbell.

### **Staff Updates**

Office Manager Ashton Wells has been selected to preach at the Festival of Young Preachers as a part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly June 25-27 and will be out of the office. Volunteers will be in the office in the morning.

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be in Boston June 23-28 for the national convention of the American Guild of Organists. Rosi is the Program Chair for the national AGO convention which will be held in Kansas City in 2018.

## Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign. We have now met our operating budget and can focus on replenishing 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:

Last night we had a huge turn-out for the parent meeting; there was parent representation for 80 scholars! Michelle Bridges from Donnelly College came and shared information about access to education including ESL and parents started planning the Healthy Kids Carnival. Parents also reported that after the first week of Freedom School their children have been singing the cheers and chants nonstop at home.

## Freedom School Volunteer Opportunities

Freedom School is looking for volunteers to assist with after-school care (3:15-5:30pm). This involves supervising children as they play outside in the park or play board games inside. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org) or sign-up after church.

We are looking for **Read-A-Loud Guests** to come and read a story out loud to the young scholars at Freedom School (open time slots: Mon-Friday, June 23rd-July 25th) during our morning "Harambee" time. You would prepare a book to read to the scholars and arrive at church at 8:15 a.m. If you're interested in the details, please e-mail Diane @ [rainbow@kcfreedomschools.org](mailto:rainbow@kcfreedomschools.org). THANK YOU!

## June 15

Attendance.....	100
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	13

**This Week**

Thursday	June 26	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:30 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	June 28	Personnel Committee Meeting	9:00 am
		Senior High Youth Outing	

**Next Week**

Friday July 4- Sunday July 6      Western District Conference Annual Assembly

***Summer Adult Education Classes***

**Christianity After Religion.....Wesley Room**

This class is a discussion of the book *Christianity After Religion* by Diana Butler Bass, which is about the future of Christianity and the movement of people towards spirituality instead of religion. Furthermore, Bass discusses the future of the church and the role the church can play in this new movement.

**The Wired Word.....Sunflower Room**

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.