

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 6, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**; 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 **Phyllis Carlson, Tanya Ortman, and Will Moore**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

A Celebration of Life and Remembrance service will be held for **Kathleen Bush** today at 5 pm with a light meal to follow.

The **Quarterly Congregational Meeting** will be held on July 13th in the sanctuary. Since there is no Sunday School that day and since the Colombian Group will provide a fundraising lunch at noon, we will conduct the quarterly meeting starting at 10:45 in the sanctuary. The meeting will begin about 15 minutes after the end of the Sunday morning service to allow for coffee and doughnuts. – Keith Jantz, moderator

For several years we've been working on a project of **folding 1,000 cranes** to send to the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan. We bring them out periodically and fold a few to add to the collection. The crane folding supplies and instructions will be available in the fellowship hall during fellowship time after worship during the month of July. We are getting close to our goal, and we'd like to send the cranes to Hiroshima while Kate Duncan is there to deliver them to the memorial, so please help us continue this project.

For a couple of weeks you've been reading about the **WorshipArts grant** and the Brunch and Learn events in August. Someone asked me the other day, "So, what are we going to learn at these Brunch and Learn things, anyway?" Well, one thing we're interested in is providing time for the adults to get to know a bit about what the kids are doing during WorshipArts time, and to celebrate the wonderful creativity and thoughtfulness of the kids. We also want to help the adults be more aware of how kids perceive what is going on in worship, and help all of us be more aware of how music and art impact our worship. It's a time to think about why we get together on Sunday mornings, how we include everyone, and how we help kids find meaning in what we do. And, it's a time to get to know each other -- how many of us, who don't have kids in kindergarten-5th grade, know all of their names? Isn't that important? Sign up at www.rainbowmennonite.org by **August 1**: ~Submitted by Rosi Penner Kaufman

Join us for an **open house** to wish Ralph and Laurel Kauffman farewell on Sunday July 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the church.

New Rosedale bus line! In celebration of the new bus line that connects Rosedalians to grocery stores, health care, job opportunities, a library and a community center. For more information call 913.677.5097.

Senior High Youth mark your calendars! The next youth outing will be Saturday July 26th. We are going to Worlds of Fun! Meet at the church at noon to carpool together. We will plan to be at Worlds of Fun for most of the day. Let Renee know by July 21st if you plan to attend. (renee@rainbowmennonite.org)

Rainbow Recycles! The Trustees approved a **single sort recycling bin** and Allied Waste delivered it on Friday! It is by the paper bin in the park parking lot. You can now recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, and tin and steel cans at church. Please use the marked blue baskets for recyclable materials.

Staff Updates:

Office Manager Ashton Wells will be out of the office Monday July 7 and Tuesday July 8.

Music Coordinator Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office Monday July 7 through Friday July 11.

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:

The book that my level two's have liked the most would have to be *Horace, Morris But Mostly Delores*. This book was introduced during week one. It is about three mice who are best friends and love to explore. They do split up but find their way back to each other. The students had the most fun when it came to talking about what makes a best friend and what qualities they have to have. After coming up with a list they put one quality on a cut out of their hand and we made a rainbow out of those hands. It is the rainbow of friendship. –Ms. Ramona

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 or sign-up after church.

HELP IRAQIS THROUGH MCC: As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life and is planning an ongoing response. MCC also is calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention in Iraq and instead to send humanitarian aid. Please help us reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq to both respond quickly and continue long-term efforts that build peace. More information is available online at mcc.org/get-involved/kits and donate.mcc.org/iraq or by calling 1-888-563-4676. The Action Alert at mcc.org/advocate-iraq provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the president. **Also, petitions will be available in the fellowship hall following service today.** Thank you for partnering with MCC to help uprooted people and for your ongoing prayers for peace in the region.

Please **pray** for those traveling home today from Western District Conference Assembly in TX: Ruth Harder, Debra Sapp-Yarwood, Peggy Coriell, Mary Redmon, Beatrix Amstutz, Scott Weast, Keith Jantz, Kent Moore, Alyssa Bennett-Smith, and Laura Schmidt.

June 29

Attendance.....	126
Visitors (included in attendance count)	22

This Week

Tuesday	July 8	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	July 10	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:30 pm

Next Week

Sunday	July 13	Congregational Meeting	10:45 am
Thursday	July 17	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday	July 19	Healthy Kids Carnival	10:30 am