

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 13, 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

The **Quarterly Congregational Meeting** will be held TODAY in the sanctuary. Since there is no Sunday School, we will conduct the quarterly meeting starting at 10:45 in the sanctuary. Grab a doughnut and coffee and return for the meeting. Childcare is available in the nursery. – Keith Jantz, moderator

In keeping with the overall theme of Lighting a Fire and of Flames of Love that has been a focus since Pentecost, the **Visual Arts Committee** created the current front display focusing on light, heat and fire. Just like during Pentecost, flames forever change things. Sometimes things are destroyed and then new life emerges; sometimes things are just warmed enough that they bend and change. Included in the display is the red quilt that was made by Margaret Graber, specifically representing Pentecost. The picture is of torch flames from welding by Dave Regier, son of Arlie and Sue Regier, as he was creating a metal sculpture of a violin.

The **family of Kathleen E Bush** 'Thank you', members, friends, and staff of the Rainbow Mennonite Church, for all of your gifts of love, music, prayers, and words of support. She loved the Rainbow Mennonite Church - its message, its music, and its people.

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)

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.

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.

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. 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. Sign up at www.rainbowmennonite.org by **August 1**: ~Submitted by Rosi Penner Kaufman

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You are invited to **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pleiades building project on Sunday July 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the building site. Guests are welcome to come for supper at 5:30pm (by donation) and stay for Family Camp I worship service at 7:30pm. Please RSVP to camp by Wednesday, July 16th.

Staff Updates:

Youth Program Director Renee Reimer will be at Camp Mennoscah this week.

Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign. To date, we have collected \$15,425 to help us reach our goal of raising \$25,000. 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 the level twos enjoyed the most was the streets are free. This book was about a group of kids in Venezuela who didn't have a park and tried to ask the mayor to build one. After he goes back on his promises the kids and their parents begin to build their own park. The scholars enjoyed this book along with the activities. They liked being able to write letters to a staff member about the park they play in every day. They gave the staff member suggestions and comments on the park. They then were able to draw up blueprints for their very own park.—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.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming Freedom School events! The 6th Annual **Healthy Kids Carnival** will be on **Saturday, July 19**, 10:00am - 2:00pm in Whitmore Park. The parents of Freedom School scholars are working with Rosedale Development Association's Healthy Kids Initiative to organize this alternative carnival with activities and food that celebrate healthy living. Proceeds benefit Rainbow Mennonite Freedom School. Volunteers are needed to help work at various booths. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

The congregation is also invited to attend the scholars' **Freedom School Finale** performance at the church on Thursday, July 24 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Scholars will perform and share poetry, dance, etc. in the format of a hosted TV show. All are welcome to come and enjoy these events!

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Attendance.....	130
Visitors (included in attendance count)	25

This Week

Sunday	July 13	Congregational Meeting	10:45 am
Wednesday	July 16	Head Start Enrollment	5:30 pm
Thursday	July 17	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday	July 19	Healthy Kids Carnival	10:00 am

Next Week

Thursday	July 24	Freedom School Finale	6:30 pm
Saturday	July 26	Senior High Youth Outing	12:00 pm