

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 20, 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 **Robert and Krista Kaufman**; our greeter is **Laura Schmidt**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

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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.

**Time to make our voices heard!** Each person at Rainbow, 9th grade and older, is invited to complete a 20 question survey just issued by Western District Conference. The survey pertains to Mennonite statements on biblical interpretation and same-sex relationships. Information about this survey was sent via e-mail this past week. Pastor Ruth will hold two information sessions for those who would like more information about this survey TODAY during the Sunday school hour and again on August 10. Meet in the Wesley Room.

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

**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](mailto: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. 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.

There's still time to sign up for the catered Brunch and Learn events scheduled for August 17 and 24. This will be a time for the adults to learn more about WorshipArts and the grant we received from Calvin Institute. Sign up for one of the days (17th or 24th) by **August 1:** [www.rainbowmennonite.org/worship/worship-arts](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org/worship/worship-arts) ~Submitted by Rosi Penner Kaufman

**Pastor Ruth** will be out of town from July 21-28. For pastoral care/emergencies contact Debra Sapp-Yarwood.

### **Freedom School Update**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign. 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](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org) or sign-up after church.

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!

**Regional/National News**

Mark your calendars now for the **2014 Women and Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah, September 5-7. This year's retreat will feature a Friday evening "Menno Spa." For our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday, Norma Duerksen will be our presenter, with the theme "How Can I Forgive?" This retreat is for all women, and all girls in 3rd grade and above. Register by August 22 by sending an e-mail: [womengirlsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:womengirlsretreat@gmail.com)

**July 13**

Attendance.....	134
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	12

**This Week**

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

**Next Week**

Tuesday	July 29	Outreach Committee	12:00 pm
Thursday	July 31	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	August 1	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am