

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 8, 2015

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 **Dave and Hannah Schrag**; our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa Schrag**. 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 **Caitlin and Aaron Linscheid**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Please be in prayer for

- **Bernita and Hal Boyts** as Bernita begins receiving home care this week in Hesston, KS.
- **Glenda Campbell** as her step-mom, Carol Campbell, is in critical condition at KU Medical Center.
- **Marie Claire Boyts** graduated magna cum laude from KState with a degree in Elementary Education in December. This week she is leaving to begin a position as an au pair with a family in Austria for 3 months. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she begins this next adventure!

It's time to go home! Mennonite Voluntary Service worker **Fabi Petersen** has completed his term at the Urban Scholastic Center and will be returning to Germany on February 21. Today is his final worship service with us. Thank you Fabi for sharing your talents with our community!

It's time to update the **Picture Wall**: if your photo is missing, or if you want to update your photo, please 1) see Philip in Fellowship Hall, or 2) you may email a jpeg or 3) you may bring a print to be scanned.

WOMEN ALERT! You are invited to a second luncheon this Wednesday, 11 a.m., at First Watch, 11112 Shawnee Mission Parkway. (North side, between Quivera and Nieman Rd). There was a good response in January, however, Wednesday was preferred for our next meeting. In order to reserve seats at the restaurant, please send an email to: Bonnie or Phyllis.

Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Have you been waiting for the perfect opportunity to share that special talent? Guess what, the time has come...Sunday, March 1st at 5:00 pm the youth from Rainbow will be hosting a **Variety Show Extravaganza!** All talents or variety acts of all ages are welcome. Desserts and chex mix will be served throughout the evening. Whether or not you have an act to share, we would love to see you there! All donations from this event will go towards jr. and sr. high youth attending MCUSA convention.

Call for Help from the deacons: We are trying to help a friend of Rainbow get set up in a newly acquired government subsidized house. If you have any of the following items to donate, please contact Debra Sapp-Yarwood. Tall slender dresser (for narrow space), vacuum cleaner, television, TV stand or étagère type shelf unit that would hold TV, washer, dryer, kitchen table and chairs, futon or fold-out sofa bed, computer table, computer. Thank you!

Save the date! Rainbow youth education committee will be hosting a Vacation Bible School for youth grades Pre-K to 5th on Saturday, August 1st. Volunteers will be needed to teach, lead music, help with crafts and recreation, and serving lunch. More info coming soon!

Kids Night Out is back with a brand new twist. Rainbow youth, grades K-5th, are invited to a night out at the church on Friday, February 13th from 5-9pm. Please bring a sack supper if you plan to attend. RSVP to Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org

Save the Date! We have been invited to offer a Rainbow Welcome to Worship for the MCUSA Convention worship service on July 5 in Bartle Hall. We have six minutes to share "something Rainbow." To help us prepare, we have invited Talashia Keim Yoder to lead a workshop on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. to help us create our welcome. This is sponsored by the WorshipArts grant, but it is important that all ages are represented, so everyone is invited to participate. More details coming soon.

REQUEST FOR MEALS - Please consider providing a meal for the Gary & Tracy Long family during Tracy's chemo treatments. There are 5 adults to feed. You can help by going to Take Them A Meal website to sign-up. (takethemameal.com) Please type in the Last Name: **LONG** Password: **1234**. The hope is to provide meals Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday's each week.

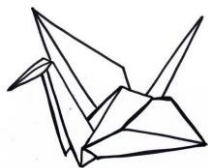
New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch next Sunday from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org) by February 12.

Youth Updates

Senior high youth group lunch will be held TODAY after Sunday School. Lunch will be provided and we will be eating upstairs in the youth rooms!

Are you a jr. or sr. high youth interested in attending **MCUSA convention** the week of June 30th-July 1st? Turn in your \$100 nonrefundable deposit to Renee by March 1st to reserve your spot. It is sure to be a STELLA time!

The **Youth Mentoring Program** would like to invite current 5th grade through 12th grade youth to consider participating in our mentoring program. This program allows young people to connect with another adult friend at church. New youth participants together with their parents will create a list of candidates to be a possible personal mentor. Then the committee will match mentees with one of the mentor candidates. If you are approached to serve as a mentor please consider this opportunity seriously as a way of serving our youth and nurturing others at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Youth interested should sign up for the program by turning in their applications to Jan Good-Bollinger, Janelle Arnett Campbell, Cynthia Olavarria Kauffman or Renee Reimer, preferably by February 22.



Attention children! There is a gold paper crane somewhere at the front of the sanctuary. Can you find it? This is an exercise in paying attention, and it is a reminder for us all to be on the lookout for how God is moving and present within creation.

This Week

Sunday	February 8	Sr High Youth Group	12:00 pm
Wednesday	February 11	Women's Lunch	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	February 13	SCR Meeting	8:00 am
		Kids Night Out	5:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	February 15	Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
		Trustees Meeting	12:00pm
Thursday	February 19	Head Start Parent Meeting	5:00 pm

Winter Education Classes

***The Book of Forgiving*.....Library**

A discussion of *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* is written by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu, offering a manual on the art of forgiveness—helping us to realize that we are all capable of healing and transformation.

***Why I Am an Atheist Who Believes in God*..... Room 110**

This class will discuss *Why I am an Atheist Who Believes in God: How to Give Love, Create Beauty, and Find Peace* by Frank Schaeffer. Schaeffer once stood near the top of conservative Christian evangelicalism but is now one of its strongest critics. He is an “atheist” who still talks to Jesus—in spite of everything.

***Worship Response Group*.....Pastor's Office**

This will be an opportunity to discuss the purpose and experience of worship at Rainbow. We will consider questions such as “What helped us worship today? What interfered with our worship? What inspiration, challenge, question will you take with you this week?”

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

Once again our leaders in Washington are failing to build consensus around important issues. In Wired Word with the lesson based on this, we will discuss respect, communication, negotiation and the setting of proper boundaries this week. Grab your coffee, say a quick hello to a few people and join us for the discussion in the Sunflower Room.