

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 22, 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 **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 **Phyllis Carlson, Emma Janzen, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

Please **pray for the family** of Bernita Boyts, who died on Friday, March 13. Bernita was a long-time member of Rainbow, together with her husband Hal. A Celebration of Life gathering took place yesterday in Hesston, KS.

A **Lenten Taizé** service of prayer, silence and singing will be held from 5:45-6:30 pm every Wednesday of Lent in the Sanctuary. Following the service each week everyone is invited to participate in a lectionary-based Bible Study in Fellowship Hall.

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Tuesday March 24 from 6-8pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of pizza and games with Freedom School families. We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving the food, playing board games with kids and clean-up. Terry Rouse will be making homemade pizza, along with other members of the Outreach Committee. This event is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org

Women's Luncheon, First Watch - March 25 and April 8.

Some have noticed that the **AED battery** needs to be replaced and is chirping to remind us. Don't worry, a new battery has been ordered. In the meantime the AED will continue to function normally until the battery is replaced (i.e. it will still deliver a shock). Please contact Ky Stoltzfus with any questions.

Looking forward in Lent, here are some highlights in the coming weeks:

- Sarah Thompson, Christian Peacemaker Team Executive Director, will be our guest preacher on **Palm Sunday**, March 29. Sarah will also be giving a lecture about the biblical basis for nonviolent direct action at Missouri Western State University on March 26 from 11am-12:20 pm. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Pastor Ruth.
- A **Maundy Thursday** supper of soup and bread will occur April 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This service will include music and the sharing of communion around each table. Please RSVP to the church office.
- Finally, what is March/Lent without basketball? Pastor Ruth and others will be hosting a **basketball clinic for Rainbow kids** before egg decorating (5-6 pm on Friday, April 3). Anyone interested in participating should contact Ruth.

The **30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. in Whitmore Park for children ages 1-10. This is a wonderful community event for families in Rosedale, but requires lots of volunteers to make it happen. Below is the schedule of activities listing the different ways you can get involved:

Friday, April 3

1:00 pm - Boil eggs

6:30pm - Color eggs (120 dozen)

Saturday, April 4

7:30am - Clean park

8:30am - Set up park, bubbles, hide eggs and candy, inflate balloons

9:30am - Face painting, crowd and traffic control, music, balloon animals, Easter bunny

10:30am - Hunt begins with 150-300 children participating, monitor play in park

11:30am - Clean-up

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org if you're interested in volunteering.

There will be a Whitmore Park workday **on Saturday, March 28** from 8am-12pm to spread woodchips and do general clean-up in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt the following week. If you have questions, please contact Gary Long.

Staff Updates

Office Manager Ashton Wells will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday. Laura Schmidt will be in the office from 9-12.

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Freedom School fundraiser: The Sharing Community in Rosedale board is inviting local MCUSA conference attendees to consider making a donation to Freedom School this year in lieu of paying a conference hotel bill (a hotel room and one full meal plan for the week is about \$850). If you are hosting guests in your home, we would like to offer them the opportunity to donate as well. A brochure with more information is now available in the church office.

This Week

Sunday	March 22	Trustees Meeting	12:00 pm
		Youth Education Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	March 24	Family Game Night	6:00 pm
Wednesday	March 25	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 26	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	March 28	Park Work Day	9:00 am
		Sr High Lockin	6:00 pm

Next Week

Wednesday	April 1	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 2	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
Friday	April 3	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
		Egg Boiling	1:00 pm
		Egg Coloring	6:30 pm
		Jr High Lockin	6:00 pm
Saturday	April 4	Easter Egg Hunt Setup	7:30 am
		Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am

Spring Adult Education Electives

***This Changes Everything*.....Sunflower Room**

This class will discuss *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein who argues that climate change isn't just another issue to be neatly filed between taxes and health care. It's an alarm that calls us to fix an economic system that is already failing us in many ways. And she demonstrates precisely why the market has not—and cannot—fix the climate crisis but will instead make things worse, with ever more extreme and ecologically damaging extraction methods, accompanied by rampant disaster capitalism.

***The Muslim Next Door*..... Wesley Room**

This class will discuss *The Muslim Next Door: The Qu'ran, The Media, and That Veil Thing* by Sumbul Ali-Karamali. Since 9/11, stories about Muslims and the Islamic world have flooded headlines, politics, and water-cooler conversations all across the country. And, although Americans hear about Islam on a daily basis, there remains no clear explanation of Islam or its people. The Muslim Next Door offers easy-to-understand yet academically sound answers to these questions while also dispelling commonly held misconceptions.

John Howard Yoder.....Room 110

This class will study the good and bad of John Howard Yoder using *John Howard Yoder: Radical Theologian* by J. Denny Weaver and *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* focused on the controversy surrounding the actions of theologian John Howard Yoder.

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?”