

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 5, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**; 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 **Jan Good-Bollinger, Amy Kliewer, and Will Moore**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Volunteers are needed to **help in the nursery** during service. Please contact Lori Lichty if you are able to help out once a quarter.

Women's Luncheon will be meeting on April 8 at 11 am at First Watch (11112 Shawnee Mission Parkway).

The Annual Mennonite Voluntary Service (**MVS**) **work day** will be held Saturday April 11th. Friends of MVS (which is all of us, right?) are invited to join the MVSers and support committee members for a work day. Come to 2303 S Early St around 8:30am, or whenever you are free, for a morning of yard work and general cleaning. All skill levels and interests are welcome! RSVPs are helpful but not required. Contact Tanya Ortman

Our next potluck and **congregational meeting** will be on April 19. We will also be joined in worship by the Larson family and will dedicate the youth "Upper Room" on this Sunday. If you would like something on the agenda, please let Moderator Peggy Coriell know.

The Western District Reference Council will meet April 11. This gathering will be an opportunity for WDC to continue discussing the resolution that our church submitted to WDC dealing with pastors performing same-sex unions. Those attending from Rainbow include: Keith Jantz, Peggy Coriell, Debra Sapp-Yarwood, Alyssa Bennett Smith, Laura Schmidt, Scott Weast, Kent Moore, and Ruth Harder. Copies of this resolution will be available in Fellowship Hall today.

Next Sunday, the **Rainbow Choir** will offer a special musical meditation during worship. *Requiem for Peace* was composed by Larry Nickel in 2005; I believe this is only the second performance of major parts of the piece in the United States. The composer, Larry Nickel, was inspired by Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*. This piece provides a message of hope in the midst of conflict. We will be joined by guest musicians, including harp, marimba and woodwinds.

Save the date(s)! The youth education committee has been diligently planning Summer Sunday School (June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th) and a one-day Vacation Bible School (August 1st). We are looking for preschoolers, elementary youth, jr high and sr high youth, and youth and adults beyond those perimeters willing to spend some time helping out this summer.

Rezound!, an auditioned community handbell ensemble with members from throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, will be in concert at Rainbow Mennonite, Friday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. The concert is free, but there will be a free-will offering taken. Sponsored by the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee.

The 20th Anniversary concert of the **East Hill Singers** will be April 19th at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS, at 4 pm. A second concert will be April 26th. More information will follow.

Staff Updates

The office will be closed tomorrow April 6.

Ruth, Rachel, and Ashton will be attending the Kansas Health Foundation Recognition Grant Conference in Wichita on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Ruth will return to Kansas City Saturday April 11, following the WDC reference council. Phil Rhoads will be the deacon on call while Ruth is away.

Youth Updates

Sr High Youth Group **Lunch** will be held on April 12th. A special guest from Bethel College will be joining us for lunch.

Sr High youth, we are road tripping to the **MCC Sale** on April 17th and 18th! The MCC Sale is held in Hutchinson, KS each year as a fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee. There will be German food, auctions, a huge outdoor slide, and tons of other Mennonites. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org with the earliest time you are able to leave from Rainbow on Friday, April 17th. I would like to accommodate everyone's schedule with rehearsals and practices.

This Week

Tuesday	April 7	Election	All Day
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Wednesday	April 8	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	April 11	MVS Work Day	8:30 am
		WDC Reference Council	9:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	11:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	April 12	Sr High Youth Lunch	12:00 pm
Tuesday	April 14	Deacons Meeting	10:30 am
		Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 pm
Wednesday	April 15	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 16	Shepherd's Center Next Chapter	5:00 pm
		Park Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Friday	April 17	Rezound Handbell Concert	7:00 pm
		Sr High MCC Sale	
Saturday	April 18	Sr High MCC Sale	All Day

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 not be meeting today.

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?”