

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 12, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**; our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and George Melby**. 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 Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Our next potluck and **congregational meeting** will be next Sunday. We will also be joined in worship by the Larson family and will dedicate the youth "Upper Room" on this Sunday. Copies of the agenda and the meeting minutes from the January meeting are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to add to the agenda, please let Moderator Peggy Coriell know.

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Whitmore Park a success! Approximately 150 people attended. We couldn't have done it without the support of volunteers who spread woodchips and cleaned up the park, boiled and dyed the eggs, filled balloons with helium and handed them out, hid the eggs and candy, provided face painting, made balloon animals, dressed up as the Easter bunny, played music and helped with traffic and crowd control. Several community persons expressed appreciation for this event. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible for the community! -The Park and Outreach Committee

Please note that the list of **updated current committee** chairs and updated church committee rosters has been posted on the church website. Please refer to this list on the website (under the congregation login) or contact the church office for the list if you need to access one of our church committee members for any reason or need to contact a committee chair regarding a question or suggestion you might have. Keith Jantz

Do you have a graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming '**Rainbow Graduate List**'. Please provide their name and current school (and their degree, if applicable) to the church office. Contact the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org or 913.236.8820.

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.

Youth Updates

Sr High Youth Group lunch will be held today following Sunday School. We will meet in the Sr High Sunday School classroom to head out to lunch today!

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 reneer@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.

Freedom School Update

I am very pleased to introduce our new administrative team for Freedom School this summer!

Peter Wetzel will be our Project Director. He is currently a 3rd grade teacher at Frank Rushton, a local elementary school, and lives in Rosedale. Peter has a very strong commitment to the Rosedale community and has served as the school liaison with Rosedale Development Association and the Healthy Kids Initiative.

Brandy Peterson will be our Site Coordinator. She is currently a Center Supervisor for the Head Start site at Rainbow. She has experience working with children, supervisory roles and has served as a Spanish interpreter.

Jessica Chambers will be our Assistant Site Coordinator. She is very passionate about Freedom School and has been a servant leader intern at our site for three years. She recently graduated with a Music Education degree and is now pursuing her graduate degree in Education.

Currently our Project Director and Site Coordinator are interviewing/hiring servant leader interns for this summer.

This Week

Sunday	April 12	Sr High Youth Lunch	12:00 pm
Monday	April 13	Youth Support Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	April 14	Deacons Meeting	10:30 am
		Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 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

Next Week

Sunday	April 19	Potluck/Congregational Meeting	11:45 am
Tuesday	April 21	Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 pm
Wednesday	April 22	Choir Rehearsal	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 23	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	April 24	SCR Meeting	8:00 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?”