

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 19, 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 **Stan and Carol Buller**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

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Please pray for...

- **Alan Huxman** who is undergoing medical care to treat prostate cancer.
- **Robert Sagastume and Dustin Fish**, on the recent death of Robert's mother, Olga Sagastume. A burial service was held Wednesday of last week.

All are invited to stay for the carry-in lunch starting at noon today. Our spring congregational meeting will take place in the sanctuary beginning at approximately 1:00 pm. The meeting will begin with a presentation of our Mennonite Church USA convention Rainbow call to worship. Please come if you can!

It is time for our youth to consider attending summer camp at Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Camp Mennoscah's early registration deadline ends May 1! Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) to register online or contact us at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) for a paper form. **If you need financial assistance with camp registration costs, please contact the church office.**

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.

Are you Amish? If so, please do not be offended. Otherwise, please send us a current photo to be included on **our Photo Wall** in Fellowship Hall. Our resident Photo Wall elf has awoken from his long winter's nap and is ready to spring into action to update our beloved Photo Wall. Send photos to [phil.rhoads@gmail.com](mailto:phil.rhoads@gmail.com) or schedule a photo shoot ASAP.

The 20th Anniversary concert of the **East Hill Singers** will occur TODAY at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS, at 4 pm. A second concert will be April 26th. Rainbow has a special connection with the **East Hill Singers**. As Wendell Selzer writes, "20 years ago, Elvera Voth, a Bethel College graduate retired after 50 years from a successful career in music in the Midwest and Alaska. She moved to Kansas City. She recruited about 15 men from Rainbow Mennonite Church, some Lyric Opera singers and other KC volunteers to form a choir with inmates in Minimum Security at Lansing Correction Facility. With Elvera's persuasion, permission was granted to take the inmates out to perform in the community. Their first few concerts were performed at Rainbow. Now they perform in various churches and venues. Several of the men from Rainbow still perform with the East Hill Singers. In 1998 Elvera also formed a 501 (c)3 "Arts in Prison." Art from this program will be displayed and for sale before/after the concert.

### **Tuesday Tunes at Rainbow**

Here's an opportunity to listen, participate, ask questions or sing along with Ruth, Jesse, Gail and Steve. Tuesday, April 21 we'll meet about 6:00 for a carry-in meal; simple is best: eating is necessary but does interfere with the time for tunes. The music starts about 6:30 if the meal is not in your plans. The music is guitar, fiddle, banjo, bass and mandolin; in short, string band. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke.

### **Youth Updates**

An **ALL** youth service day will be held on Sunday, April 26th from 12:30-4:30pm. Jr high youth, sr high youth, sponsors, and mentors are all invited to participate in this event. Lunch will be provided and there will be a variety of options to choose from in and around the church.

**This 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

**Next Week**

Sunday	April 26	Mentor Lunch	12:00 pm
		KSMODA Event	5:00 pm
Monday	April 27	Head Start Parent Meeting	5:00 pm
Tuesday	April 28	Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 pm
Thursday	April 30	Freedom School Enrollment Night	5:30 pm

## *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?”