

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 26, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**; our greeters are **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. 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 **Cynthia Kaufman, Karen Siebert, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Anna Jones**

I want to **thank everyone** at Rainbow Mennonite Church for the special recognition given to my Mother (Lucille) and Father (David) last Sunday. I don't think I have ever seen a service showing that much appreciation for the contributions made by past members. Thank you so much for making the dedication so special. -David & Peggy Larson

The family was **deeply touched** by the appreciation expressed by the congregation for David and Mary Lucille's gift. Personally, I know I will never again see a dedication in a church that will surpass the *Ode to Mary Lucille Larson* that was written, sung and choreographed by the youth. It was great to see the energy in the church and so many children and youth. You all are doing great things in the lives of people and in the community. -Roger Kroh

Please pray for **high school youth** Andrew Moore and Hannah Schrag as they participate in a faith exploration class. They will meet again on May 3 to continue discussing what it means to be a Christian and a member of a congregation. Pastor Ruth is leading these sessions along with Youth Program Director Renee Reimer. Please contact Ruth if you would like to take a similar class in the future.

Next **Sunday May 3**, there will be a reception for this year's high school seniors in the fellowship hall following the church service. There will be cake and the opportunity to talk with this year's graduates - Jessica Custer, Danny Kaufman, Will Moore and Hannah Unruh.

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 to register online or contact us at 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. Contact Phil to schedule a photo shoot ASAP.

Freedom School Enrollment Night

Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed for Freedom School Enrollment Night on Thursday, April 30 from 5:30-8:00 pm. Please contact Rachel if you are able to help with this event (rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org).

Youth Updates

An **ALL** youth service day will be held TODAY 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.

The **East Hill Singers** will be performing this afternoon at College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan Street, Olathe, KS. Art exhibits and sale at 3 pm, Concert at 4 pm.

Rosedale Ridge Update

Many changes are happening at Rosedale Ridge. Rosedale Ridge recently failed their HUD inspection and consequently lost their contract with HUD. This means they can no longer accept HUD subsidies. There has also been a change in the management company, but their rental license remains revoked by the city. This is happening because of the poor conditions of the apartments. As a result, all Rosedale Ridge residents will be relocated in the coming months, and current residents are being assessed for housing vouchers.

On Monday, April 13, our church hosted a meeting for all Rosedale Ridge residents. Representatives from HUD and the city provided information about the relocation process and answered residents' questions. There will likely be additional meetings at the church to keep residents informed. I will keep the congregation informed of future opportunities to support residents.

-Rachel Hostetler, Community Services Coordinator

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	May 3	Sr High Recognition Reception	10:50 am
		Youth Group	12:00 pm
Tuesday	May 5	Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 pm
Wednesday	May 6	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Saturday	May 9	Freedom School Garden Planting	8:00 am
		Sr high service project	1:00 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?”