

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 10, 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 Grittman**; our greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Carrie Parsons, and Abigail Grittman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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Please pray for **Norma and Don Moeller** as they grieve the sudden death of their son, Mike Moeller. Mike passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 4. A service was held on Friday.

**Save the date!** We will dedicate our new pulpit on Sunday, June 21. Joining us that morning will be several of our former Rainbow pastors including Stan Bohn, Frank Ward, Gary Schrag, Ron Holland, and Robert Kaufman. Note that we still need \$2,530 to cover the full pulpit construction cost.

Our grant year for **WorshipArts** is flying by. One of the things the grant promised to provide is an end-of-year celebration, a time to recognize what we've learned together. Because there is no Sunday School on May 31, we will have a simple catered brunch (muffins, cinnamon rolls, fruit and cheese) after church and spend some time sharing. The congregation is invited - this grant is all about making worship vital for everyone, and we have lots to share.

Volunteers are needed to help cover the office from 9 am-12 pm from May 21-22, May 26-29, and June 1. Please let Ashton know if you can help ([office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org))

**Summer Sunday School** is quickly approaching! Here is the schedule for the month of June for children, jr high, and sr high youth. Each Sunday has a theme but will be divided into age appropriate groups.

June 7th Team Building Activities

June 14th Scavenger Hunt

June 21st Camp Sing

June 28th Veggie Tales/Ted and Company

We are still looking for volunteers to help lead or supervise these pre-planned activities. Please email Renee at [reneer@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:reneer@rainbowmennonite.org) if you are able to help.

The **adult Sunday school** electives planned for June are as follows:

**June 7-** Special guest Rachel Waltner Goossen will share about her recent study of Mennonite responses to John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse. Rachel is a professor of history at Washburn University. This study was initiated at the invitation of Mennonite Church USA. Her report called "Defanging the Beast" can be found in our church library. Look for the January 2015 issue of The Mennonite Quarterly Review.

**June 14, 21, and 28-**Sara Mwangura will facilitate a conversation based on Marshall Rosenberg's theory of Nonviolent Communication.

### **Freedom School Update**

Rainbow Freedom School Enrollment Night on Thursday, April 30 was a huge success! In one evening, we filled 94 out of 100 slots. Currently there are 15 people on the waiting list for the younger age groups. There is a high demand for quality summer programming for school-aged children in our community.

The Sharing Community in Rosedale is launching an Individual Giving Campaign to support Freedom School this summer. The 2015 budget for the school is \$109,846. The majority of our funding will be given on a reimbursement basis, so we need funds to help us operate until we are reimbursed. The goal is to raise \$20,000.

Persons are encouraged to make checks payable to Sharing Community in Rosedale, but they can also be made out to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated for Freedom School. Feel free to talk with Rachel Hostetler with questions or for more information.

*Freedom School Story:*

After last summer, one parent shared: “My children look forward to Freedom School every year. This is their 3rd year. It keeps them motivated during the summer...I’ve had nieces and nephews who have participated in the past and who just loved this program. Their attitude has changed from aggressive to calm and shy to outgoing.”

**This Week**

Tuesday	May 12	Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	May 13	Deacons Meeting	10:00 am
		Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	May 14	Head Start Parent Meeting	5:00 pm

**Next Week**

Sunday	May 17	Welcoming Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	May 19	Harvesters Cooking Class	6:00 pm
Wednesday	May 20	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	May 21	Shepherd’s Center Next Chapter	5:00 pm
		Park Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Friday	May 22	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?”