

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 14, 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 **Mitch Kaufman and Dave Schrag**. 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 have questions about the location of 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 **Aaron and Caitlin Linscheid and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Summer Sunday School for all ages resumes today.

For children and youth, the schedule is as follows:

- June 14: Scavenger hunt: meet in the Upper Room at 10:50 am
- June 21: Camp sing
- June 28: Veggie Tales/Ted and Company

Starting today and continuing through the rest of June, Sara Mwangura will facilitate an adult Sunday school gathering focused on non-violent communication, using Marshall Rosenberg's work in this field as a primary resource. Location: Wesley Room.

The Welcoming Committee is hosting a **Newcomer Lunch today** from 12-1:30 pm.

Save the Date! Hot Dogs in the Park will be on June 27 from 6:30-8 pm.

Would you like to learn to be a **skilled bread baker**, shaping loaves by hand as an artisan? **Join us this afternoon** at 2:00 to learn from Amanda Lindahl, Joshua Smith, and John VanderHeide as we teach you three different breads including an easy no-knead overnight sourdough, kalamata olive, and a rich challah braid. We'll demonstrate techniques, work together, and break bread together. Donations accepted will go to Freedom School. Come to learn, to share, or simply to eat!

Next weekend all are invited to join in learning from and reflecting on our history as a congregation. We are calling our time together: *Faithfulness through the years: A look back at themes, challenges, accomplishments, events, and stories.* The weekend's activities have been designed not only to dedicate the new pulpit, but also to maximize the presence of former pastors by all of us sharing perspectives, information, and stories that will help in developing a formal history and archives for our church.

- On **Saturday, June 20** all are invited to gather at the church from 4-7 pm. A light sandwich supper will be provided and donations will be accepted from those attending to cover the cost. We will create a timeline together identifying key Rainbow themes, challenges, accomplishment, and events by the decade. We will also highlight key world events and issues that have impacted Rainbow through the decades. All are invited whether you are a charter member or new to Rainbow! Please RSVP to the church office if you will be attending.
- On **Sunday, June 21**, we will dedicate our new pulpit. Several former pastors will be joining us and the first RMC pastor, Stan Bohn, will preach.
- Following the worship service, there will be an opportunity to visit informally with our guests. A potluck will take place at noon and then from 1-2:30 pm, we'll gather in the sanctuary to hear former Rainbow/Rosedale pastors reflect on questions such as "What was/is distinctive about your experience with Rainbow?"
- **Note** that we still need to raise \$1,530 for the pulpit. This is needed to cover the construction costs as well as the fee for the work that was done to revise the design to its current version.

Rainbow Welcome rehearsal: For those participating in the Call to Worship for the MC USA convention worship service on July 5, we would like to have a rehearsal after church on Sunday, JUNE 28. We'll have a donation basket and order pizza. Anyone is welcome to join us, either singing in the choir or participating in the movement. We could actually use some more folks, so please join us. Talk with Ruth or Rosi for more details.

Staff Updates

Office Manager Ashton Wells will be out of the office Wednesday-Friday at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly. Volunteers will be in the office.

Convention Corner

Enjoy two of the **MCUSA Rainbow presentations early!** On June 28 at 4:00 at the church, Rosi Penner Kaufman and Lonnie Buerge will do a dress rehearsal for their presentations at MCUSA. Rosi will present approx 20 minutes of her planned organ recital and Lonnie will present the Celebration of Certain Martyrs that he did at Rainbow last year. The entire program should be about 75 minutes. It is free but donations will be accepted for the Rainbow Freedom School. Join us.

The Mennonite Church USA biennial convention is around the corner, both in time and geography. If you missed the June 1 registration deadline you can still register onsite during the week. Remember there is a daily rate if you choose to come for just a day or two.

Note the following convention events free and open to the public:

- At Grace and Holy Trinity (across the street from the convention center)
 - June 30, 6:00 p.m.: *Bound Together, Together Free* worship service planned by those who seek a more LGBTQ inclusive church
 - June 30, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer walk
 - July 3, 6:30 p.m.: The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert
 - July 3, 8:30 p.m.: Service of Lament for Sexual Abuse
 - July 4, 9:00 p.m.: The Ted & Company drama, *Listening for Grace*
- The opening and closing convention worship services (Bartle Hall, Exhibit A) are also free and open to the public on Tuesday evening, June 30 at 7: 15 pm and Sunday morning, July 5 at 10:00 am.

Sharing Community in Rosedale is partnering with Deco Catering on a Freedom School fundraiser during the convention. A Deco food truck will be parked at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral the following days and times:

- Tuesday, June 30, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 2, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 3, TBD

The menu will include wraps, salads, sides, drinks, and dessert options. Approximately a third of the funds raised from the food truck will go towards Rainbow Freedom School. Plus, we will be selling zwiebach at the food truck, with all funds going toward Freedom School. If **you are interested** in helping make the zwiebach, contact Kathy Kaufman at 913-908-7995 (cell).

Convention Corner cont.

There are several **Israel/Palestine** events at convention. Alex Awad, Dean of Bethlehem Bible College and John and Pat Bertsche's son-in-law and Elias Awad's uncle, will be presenting on the "Story of My Palestinian Christian Family" at 2 pm in room 2203 on Thursday July 2. That same evening there will be a reception in his honor that is open to the public at 7 pm at Grace and Holy Trinity.

This Week

Sunday	June 14	Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
		Bread Baking	2:00 pm
Monday	June 15	First day of Freedom School	All Day
Wednesday	June 17	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	June 18	Park Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	June 20	Zwiebach baking	9:00 am
		Rainbow History Gathering	4:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	June 21	Potluck	12:00 pm
		Storytelling	1:00 pm
Thursday	June 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	June 26	SCR Meeting	8:00 am
Saturday	June 27	Hot Dogs in the Park	6:30 pm