

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 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 **John Mueller and Mary Redmon**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Aaron and Caitlin Linscheid**.

Closing Trustee: **Anna Jones**

Following fellowship time today, Ruth will facilitate a **post-convention discussion** in the Sunflower Room. She will bring copies of the adopted resolutions for those who did not attend convention events.

Save the date! Our next quarterly congregational meeting will be held during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, July 26.

A one-day **Vacation Bible School** will be held at Rainbow Mennonite Church on Saturday, August 1st from 9:30am-1:45pm. All preschool-5th graders are welcome to attend. We will spend our time talking about different parables, singing, being crafty, doing some awesome recreation, and putting together something spectacular for Sunday morning. And food...there will be food, but please pack a sack lunch. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Renee Reimer at renee@rainbowmennonite.org.

Youth Update

Rainbow Mennonite Senior High youth group **2015-2016 kick-off retreat** will take place at Camp Mennoscah on August 7th-9th. Let's have some fun eating s'mores, swimming in the pool, running around camp, hanging out together, and talking about what our mission statement means to us (worship, serve, learn, community).

The **Rainbow women's luncheon** will be meeting on July 15 at First Watch on Shawnee Mission Parkway at 11 am.

Staff Updates:

Jim Williams has resigned his position as Sexton. We are **currently searching** for someone to temporarily fill the position while the Personnel Committee and Trustees investigate restructuring the position. The temporary person may apply for the permanent position but will be considered along with other applicants once the new permanent position has been created. Please contact Ruth Harder or Nancy Gritman by Monday, July 20 if you are interested. We hope to fill this temporary position as soon as possible.

Well, I have one less organ to worry about; thank goodness it's not the one in the sanctuary. An early Sunday morning trip to the emergency room revealed that my gall bladder was angry, very angry. So, rather than participate in the Rainbow Call to Worship for the MCUSA convention, I got to experience a hospital stay. I am so grateful to Terri, Renee, Ruth, Talashia and all the participants for running everything so smoothly that you didn't even need to notice that I wasn't there. I am back home recovering, moving a little slower, but on the mend. Thank you for all your prayers and good thoughts. I see more kale, less bacon in my future. –**Rosi Penner Kaufman**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Freedom School events!

Join Rainbow Freedom School in the movement to end child poverty at the **Kansas Kids' March** on Tuesday, July 14! We will meet at Rainbow Mennonite Church at 6:00pm and then march along SW Blvd and have a short rally ending by 7:00pm. The rally will focus on ending child poverty through an increase in school funding and raising the state minimum wage.

The **Healthy Kids Healthy Planet Festival** will be on Saturday, July 18, 11:00am - 3:00pm in Whitmore Park. The parents of Freedom School scholars are partnering with StoneLion Puppet Theater and Project Central to organize a festival celebrating Healthy Kids and promoting a Healthy Planet. There will be puppets, music, dancing, jugglers, face painters, a bounce house, art projects and more! All food and raffle sales will benefit Rainbow Freedom School. Volunteers are needed to help work at the various booths and assist with clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Save the date! This year's Freedom School finale will be held at the Vox Theatre (across the street from the church) on Thursday, July 23 from 6-7pm. We hope this new venue will allow for more members of the community and church to enjoy the energy, joy, singing, dancing and artwork of our Freedom School scholars. We are also having a pre-program reception at 5:30 p.m. at the church for people interested in learning more about recent Sharing Community in Rosedale developments and long-range planning.

Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign! To date, we have collected approximately \$14,026.87 to help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000. The majority of our funding will be given on a reimbursement basis, so we need funds to help us operate until we are reimbursed. 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.

This Week

Tuesday	July 14	Freedom School March	6:00 pm
Wednesday	July 15	Deacons Meeting	10:00 am
Saturday	July 18	Healthy Kids Carnival	11:00 am

Next Week

Thursday	July 23	Freedom School Finale	6:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	July 24	SCR Board Meeting	8:00 am