

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 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 usher is **Dan Duncan**. Our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Kent Moore**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

There will be a **congregational meeting** following service TODAY. Copies of the agenda are available in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available.

Mennonite World Conference's global Assembly might be over, but the fun continues! Thousands of Anabaptists from around the world are visiting churches in Pennsylvania this morning and some will be continuing on to Assembly Scattered events around North America in the coming days. Please pray for MWC staff as they finish cleaning up and for participants as they travel home... and if you missed the excitement this week, check out mwc-cmm.org for highlight videos, photos, and stories.

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 reneer@rainbowmennonite.org.

Interested in service and international travel? We're exploring the idea of planning an **International Service Trip** for the summer of 2016. Please let Jana Graham or Karla Leuenberg know if you'd be interested in learning more!

We have now received in pledges and cash donations the full amount required for the **new pulpit**. Thank you for all contributions. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

Interested in learning more about membership at Rainbow? Join Ruth for a conversation about the meaning of church membership following worship on Sunday, August 16.

MCC School Kits: School supplies are inexpensive and easy to find at this time of year, so take the opportunity to fill a few Mennonite Central Committee school kits the next time you're at the store. Cloth bags and supply lists are available outside the west entry to the Sanctuary. Please return the completed bags to the church by September 1 and they will be delivered to MCC in North Newton. They are given to students displaced by natural disasters or war or struggling to afford schooling. Last year more than 125,000 kits were sent to children in countries such as Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Serbia, Lebanon, Ukraine, Haiti and El Salvador.

The contents of each kit are:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 10.5" and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

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).

Staff Updates:

Scott Weast has **been hired** as the Interim Building Manager/Custodian. He will begin Tuesday, July 28. In the coming months, the Personnel Committee with help from the Trustees will investigate restructuring the position.

After a successful summer of Freedom School and MCUSA Convention, the church office will be closed on Monday and Friday to give staff some time away.

Freedom School Update

Rainbow Freedom School's 2015 program has been a success! Last week there were two special events that happened. Over 100 Freedom School scholars, parents, persons from Rainbow Mennonite and other community members participated in the **Kansas Kids' March** on July 14. The group marched along SW Blvd and had a short rally. The focus was on ending child poverty through an increase in school funding and raising the state minimum wage.

Then on July 18, we had another successful **Healthy Kids Healthy Planet Festival** in Whitmore Park. The parents of Freedom School scholars partnered with StoneLion Puppet Theater and Project Central to organize a festival celebrating Healthy Kids and promoting a Healthy Planet. Although it rained off and on, more than 150 people attended and enjoyed the games, puppets, entertainers, dancing, art projects, face painters, and delicious food prepared by the parents. It was a fun event for the community and over \$1000 was raised for Freedom School.

Over 200 people attended the **Freedom School Finale** on July 23 at the Vox Theatre. Thanks to all who attended!

This Week

Sunday	July 26	Congregational Meeting	11:00 am
Monday	July 27	Office Closed	All Day
Friday	July 31	Office Closed	All Day

Saturday	August 1	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am
Next Week			
Tuesday	August 4	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	August 7	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Friday-Sunday	August 7-9	Sr High Retreat	