

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 2, 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 **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Kendric and Michelle Beachey**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Volunteers are needed to help serve at Willa Gill Food Kitchen on Friday, August 7 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Back to school?! Where has the summer gone? During worship on Sunday, August 9 we will have our second annual backpack dedication for the children and youth.

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 (913-722-6040, jana.m.graham@gmail.com) or Karla Leuenberg (913-707-5920, kleuenberg@att.net) know if you'd be interested in learning more!

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.

TIME FOR TUNES AUGUST 11: The sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass will once again be heard at Rainbow. August 11 at 7:00 p.m. the “Tuesday Night String Band” - that’s Jesse and Ruth, Steve and Gail, will host a time for tunes and songs. All are welcome. The genre is generally under the “folk” umbrella; specifically Old Time String Band – the lines do blur between roots, bluegrass, 20th century popular radio and other acoustic styles. Homemade music suitable for front porches, living rooms, auditoriums, sanctuaries and other places people gather. We try to play nice!

Need a **Ceiling Fan**? Please contact a church trustee if you are interested. The church owns a ceiling fan that was used for only a couple weeks in our sanctuary. Purchase price was approximately \$270 which we'd like to recover, but if there are no offers to purchase we'll consider giving it away. It is a Hunter Original Archive Series 23862 with cast iron housing, three speeds reversible, five 52" blades (white on one side, light oak on the other). Detailed dimensions are at the following link.
<http://www.hansenwholesale.com/ceilingfans/hunter/model.asp?ProdNo=23862>

A variety of **small pieces of the lumber** used to create the pulpit are available. Many of the pieces are too small for practical building use but show the range of color visible in the completed pulpit. Examples are here for viewing after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Those who may want a piece of the historic tree harvested many years ago can make selections at this time. As the remaining wood is sorted and evaluated, there will be additional opportunities for individuals to claim some more of the material by donation and for personal use. If you have questions or have a special need for some of the maple, contact Steve Goeke.

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:

Music Director Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office through Wednesday August 5.

Ruth will be out of the office through Monday August 3.

Freedom School Update

Our 9th summer of Freedom School was a success! Thank you to the congregation for the many ways that you supported Freedom School this summer. A special thanks to everyone who volunteered for after-school care, assisted with fundraising activities at the Mennonite convention, attended special Freedom School events or helped out in other various ways. Thank you to the congregation for making Freedom School possible!

It is an exciting time for **The Sharing Community in Rosedale (SCR)**. This year we were able to partner with the VOX Theatre as a venue for the Freedom School Finale. We were able to use that occasion to introduce Freedom School to a broader segment of the community. In addition, we introduced the formation of the Rosedale Impact Endowment Fund at the July 26 congregational meeting. If you were unable to attend that presentation, the Rosedale Impact Fund was established as a long term funding strategy to ensure that SCR's programming can be sustained over time. The fund is managed by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. We have established a three year campaign with an initial goal of raising \$125,000. Instructions on how to make a donation to the Rosedale Impact Fund through the Greater Kansas City Foundation can be found at <https://www.growyourgiving.org/greater-giving/contributing/contribute-to-your-fund>. You may also write a check directly to SCR with Rosedale Impact Endowment Fund in the memo. If you have specific questions about donating other assets or other questions, please contact Alan Huxman or Greg Gaeddert.

This Week

Wednesday	August 5	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	August 7	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Friday-Sunday	August 7-9	Sr High Retreat	

Next Week

Tuesday	August 11	Tuesday Tunes	7:00 pm
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