

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 28, 2016

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 **Mary Redmon**. Our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Janelle and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Joe Duerksen is now back at home following a stint at a skilled nursing facility. Please continue to pray for his recovery following a recent back injury.

There will be a **special congregational meeting** TODAY following Sunday School to discuss and vote on the following motion brought by RMC Church Council:

Moved that

(1) Rainbow Mennonite Church accept the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Co. for exterior masonry rehabilitation in the amount of \$183,080 plus a \$10,000 contingency for a total of \$193,080.

And (2) Rainbow Mennonite Church finance the project through a 15 year loan from Commerce Bank in the amount of approximately \$515,000 at 3.98% for the first five years. The loan would be for the cost of the rehabilitation and to refinance our existing mortgage.

A new church directory will be printed this week! Paper versions will be in the fellowship hall for people to correct during fellowship time. If you are not currently listed in the directory and would like to be, please email your contact information to office@rainbowmennonite.org or call 913-236-8820.

All are invited to take part in the following Lenten services and events:

- **Lenten Vespers** will occur in the Sanctuary every Sunday evening during Lent at 5 pm. The songs, readings, prayers, candles, and silence that make up this contemplative service provide us a chance to be further reflective during this season of Lent.
- **Maundy Thursday Agape Meal with Communion March 24** from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office.
- **Palm Sunday (March 20)** led by the Bethel College Concert Choir, followed by a noon potluck.
- **Good Friday vigil (March 25)** The Sanctuary and Sunflower Room will be open from 9am-9pm for individual reflection and prayer.
- **Easter egg decorating Friday, March 25** at 6:30 pm.
- **Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26** at 10:30 am.

Have you got a **talent to share**?! (Of course you do!) The youth will be hosting a Variety Extravaganza on Sunday, March 6th at 6pm. If you are interested in participating in the Variety Show please email Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org. Everyone is welcome to share their gifts!

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday string band music with Jesse, Ruth, Gail and Steve March 8, 2016 from 7-9 pm. Bring your friends, neighbors, and instruments! We play homemade music suitable for front porches, living rooms, auditoriums, sanctuaries and other places people gather. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke.

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of homemade pizza and games with Freedom School families. We are looking for **two volunteers to help Terry Rouse make the pizza** during the afternoon. In addition, we will need volunteers to help with set-up, cutting the fruit, serving food, playing board games with kids and clean-up. This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee and is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

It is time for our youth to consider attending summer camp at Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. **If you need financial assistance with Mennonite camp registration costs**, contact Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org) or Deacon chair Laura Schmidt (mizzou4laura@gmail.com).

A note from Duane Graber, board member of Sharing Community in Rosedale: Help raise funds for Freedom School! Sporting KC (professional soccer team) is looking for volunteers to run concessions on Wednesday, April 13 and Sunday, July 3. The amount of money that we earn for Freedom School is based on the number of volunteers we recruit and how much is sold. Each volunteer will be expected to be at the game four hours prior to the start of the game (6-7 hour commitment in all). Volunteers are also expected to attend a required five-hour training on Saturday, April 9. This training is good for three years and they have a training every month, so if you cannot make the April training, there are other options.

This is a fundraising project that could be ongoing, and a great way to raise funds for Freedom School! If you are interested, please contact me by the end of this week. Please give it thoughtful consideration. It is time consuming for the training, but once that is behind us we could work together at the stadium and raise money for a great project.

This Week

Sunday	February 28	Youth Mentor Committee Meeting	10:50 am
		Special Congregational Meeting	12:00 pm
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:30 pm
		Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Tuesday	March 1	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 2	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

Next Week

Sunday	March 6	Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
		Youth Variety Show	6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 8	Tuesday Tunes	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 9	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 10	Family Game Night	6:00 pm

Winter Adult Education Classes:

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery..... Room 111

The "Doctrine of Discovery" is a framework that has been used since the 15th century that gave Christian governments legal rights to seize Indigenous lands. Native Americans continue to experience the painful legacy of being forcibly separated from their land, their culture, and their spirituality. This class will look at how we as Christians today can advocate for justice for Native Americans, learn how to build relationships with and among Indigenous people around the world, and explore reconciliation between Native Americans and Mennonites.

The Wired Word Library

The Wired Word uses current headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. On Thursday of each week, a lesson will be emailed to the facilitators with the appropriate scriptural texts and questions for discussion. The facilitators can email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class. Participants can also join in the discussion without having read the lesson since it will be based on a current topic.

***Everyday Mercies* by Edie Yoder Miller Wesley Room**

Carrie's dad is a dairy farmer, but she has a different idea about working the land when she returns to her south central home in Wisconsin for four days. During the holiday meal and the days that follow, Carrie's grandmother, Martha, and other family members also provide surprises that propel events forward. There's an unexpected dinner guest, an extra dessert, and an unplanned trip to the family cemetery plot. Martha often retreats to her bedroom to read her mother's diaries that reveal a life lived in a vastly different world of patriarchal privilege and pietistic language. The tensions and humor of family living spill out in the most ordinary of interactions. Whether in everyday routine or in shocking revelation, this novel gives a lively look into four generations of women coming from conservative Mennonite and Amish backgrounds. Through all the scenes and introspection, healing mercy awaits.