

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 12, 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 ushers are **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Laura Schmidt**. 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 the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Today's nursery workers are **Alison and Gilberto Flores**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

This afternoon the sr high group is returning from Busby, MN. **Welcome home!**

Two Sunday school options today

- **Adult Education: Trauma, grace, and building resilience:** In the last 20 years, more and more studies have demonstrated that exposure to traumatic incidents have negative effect on the brain that can cause lifelong (health and mental health) challenges for individuals, communities, and cultures. Research has also shown that people and communities affected by trauma can build resilience. We will draw from a book by Serene Jones called "Trauma and Grace."

Facilitator: Mark Wiebe and friends

- **For all ages:** Linda Graham will be leading a class on exploring the concept of shape in nature. We will meet in the WorshipArts room for some background in organic vs. geometric shapes, and some instruction on observing and drawing shapes, then go outdoors to do some drawing.

Next Sunday's worship will include a special emphasis on **Freedom School**. Several Freedom School staff members will be worshipping with us. See today's insert for more information.

MVS Transition

We want to thank Melinda Regehr for her year of service with Jewish Vocational Service working as the Refugee Orientation Assistant Coordinator. We wish her well as she begins her graduate degree this summer while continuing in a permanent position at JVS.

On **June 14** we will be hosting a middle school workgroup in the playground. We will be spreading wood chips. This group is from a church in Lenexa. We would welcome any help anywhere from 10 am until 4:30 pm. We will need extra wheelbarrows and scoops hovels. Please let Judy or Wendell Selzer (wselzer@kc.rr.com) know if you can bring these. Thanks

On Friday, June 17, a group of 14 from Rainbow will be traveling to Panabaj, a village in Santiago Atitlan, **Guatemala**, to learn from and work with the ANADESA, a Mennonite Central Committee associated organization. The Rainbow group will be staying with host families, helping with a building project and learning about the other projects MCC is supporting in the area. Going on the trip are Kaye and John Schmidt, Claire and Todd Zehner, Andrew Moore, Jana Graham, Cynthia and Jacob Kaufman, Dave and Hannah Schrag, and Rosi, Mitch, Danny and Marina Kaufman.

Mark your calendars for these events coming up at Rainbow!

- **Saturday, June 18:**

- **Park Work Day** at 8 am. We will be concentrating on painting some of the concrete structures and the circular slide. We will also do general clean-up, trim bushes, pull weeds and turn a tire. Let's make the playground look it's best for the community "Hot Dogs in the Park" that eve. Thanks
- **Hot Dogs in the Park** from 5:30 to 8 PM. We will be hosting a much transformed Hot Dogs in the Park. We will be serving not only hot dogs, but brats and pizza as well. There will be a jump rope contest, basketball, an art project, face painting, participatory music opportunities, a photo booth, a cupcake walk for kids and a cakewalk for adults. Join us for a fun evening in the park. We need volunteers to help with cooking, supervising activities, face painting, set up, tear down, and donations of side dishes, cupcakes, and a cake. There will be a sign up sheet near the coffee line or contact Terry Rouse at 816.810.0987 or trbikerkc@gmail.com.

- **Friday, July 1 at 8 pm:** Ramadan presentation and meal hosted by the Dialogue Institute, a Muslim organization that supports democracy, toleration and interfaith dialogue.
- **Sunday, July 24:** Congregational meeting
- **Saturday September 3:** Rainbow will host Ted and Company, a professional drama group from Harrisonburg, Virginia, that uses humor and storytelling to talk about issues of faith and social justice. September is suicide awareness month, and with the support of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Faithnet, they are traveling across the US presenting the show Laughter is Sacred Space. From the Ted and Company website: "In this gritty and dramatic show, Ted Swartz walks you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death."
- **Sunday September 4:** Ted Schwartz will be speaking in the service and will lead an adult Sunday School class.

Young Adult Potluck #2: Rainbow young adults are invited to a second summer potluck at the home of Ashton Wells (1617 W 41st St, KC MO 64111) on Sunday, June 19th at 5pm. Bring your own table service, drinks, and a dish to share. For additional details, please see Josh Chittum. Hope to see you there!

We are in the process of adding a hearing assistance system for those with hearing loss, along with several other changes to our sanctuary sound system. We currently have pledges of \$2,950 and need another \$2,000 to order the system. If you would **like to contribute** please designate sound system in the check memo line.

Western District Annual Assembly will take place July 29-30 on the Bethel College campus in North Newton, KS. Information is posted at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016annualAssembly>. Rainbow is eligible to send nine delegates. Contact Peggy Coriell (pcorriell@kc.rr.com) if you are interested.

Join us this spring at **Rosedale Farmers Market!** Located at 4020 Southwest Blvd in the Commerce Bank parking lot, we are open every Sunday from 10-2 through the end of September. We offer a great selection of fresh, local and affordable fruits, vegetables, baked goods, herbs, eggs and honey.

Freedom School Update

We are looking for volunteers to provide lunch for the interns during their local training this week. If you would be willing to provide lunch, please email Ashton at office@rainbowmennonite.org or Peter Wetzel (Project Director) at jpcwetzels@gmail.com.

There will be a **Freedom School Volunteer** meeting on Sunday June 19 following Sunday School.

Staff Update

Youth Program Director Renee Reimer will be out of the office June 12th-18th. She will be taking the class Faith Formation and Spirituality: Young Adults at AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary).

Rainbow's Interim Building Manager and Custodian Scott Weast has resigned effective June 17. We thank Scott for his work with the church over these past 10 months and we wish him well as he begins a new job with Massman Construction.

This Week

Monday	June 13-June 17	Freedom School Local Training	8:00 am
Tuesday	June 14	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	June 16	Personnel Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Friday	June 17-Friday June 24	Guatemala Service Trip	All Day
Saturday	June 18	Park Work Day	8:00 am
		Hot Dogs in the Park	5:30 pm

Next Week

Sunday	June 19	Freedom School Volunteer Meeting	12:00 pm
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00 pm
		Young Adult Potluck	5:00 pm
Monday	June 20	First Day of Freedom School	8:00 am
Tuesday	June 21	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	June 22	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	June 23	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	June 24	SCR Meeting	8:00 am