

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 30, 2014

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 **Dave and Larissa Schrag**; our greeters are **Janelle and Hannah Schrag**. 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. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Phyllis Carlson, Amy Kliewer, and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

Lenten Taizé worship services will be held at 5:45 pm every Wednesday of Lent through April 16. Following the Taizé service, everyone is invited to join the choir for baked potatoes.

There will be a **Congregational Meal today** after Sunday school! The meal will be served by the group traveling to Colombia in June, and donations will be accepted to defray the costs of the trip. We hope you can join us! Those traveling include: Greg and Terri Gaeddert, Todd and Claire Zehner, Ed Neufeld, Carrie Parsons, Kayla Bartel, Hannah Unruh, Roger Navarro, Will Moore, and Jana Graham

Mark your calendars: There will be a Whitmore Park workday on Saturday, April 12 at 8am to spread woodchips and do general clean-up in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt the following week. Many volunteers will also be needed to help prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30am. More details will be coming about how you can get involved. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Pastor Ruth will be on vacation Thursday April 3- Thursday April 7. Debra Sapp-Yarwood will be on call for any pastoral care needs.

The Trustees have approved **A Little Free Library** which was installed in Whitmore Park on Friday, March 28, for the benefit of the entire neighborhood. More information about the concept is available at www.littlefreelibrary.org. The congregation is welcome to take from and add to Children's and Adult's books.

The Outreach Committee will be hosting **Family Game Night** on Tuesday, April 8 from 6-8pm and could use help preparing and serving pizza. No experience is necessary. Help is needed on Monday evening April 7 for a couple hours to prepare dough and sauce. Help is also needed Tuesday, April 8 in the afternoon to assemble and bake pizzas, or in the evening to serve and clean up. You can help out for any portion of the process that suits you and fits your schedule. Contact Terry Rouse for more information.

Interested in learning more about the conflict in Israel and Palestine? Please join me over lunch on April 13th in the fellowship hall for an overview of my recent participation in a Mennonite Church USA delegation to Israel and Palestine. I'll share about my experiences, complete with a few pictures, and then open up time for questions and conversation around this very complicated and tragic conflict. Bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact me. --Tanya Ortman

Everyone is invited to attend a **baby shower for Ryan and Tania Casas Wallace** on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00-4:00pm at the church. Ryan and Tania are registered at Target, Babies R Us and Buy Buy Baby. The shower is hosted by the Small Group consisting of Joshua and Alyssa Smith (group leaders), Ana Casas, Clif and Karen Hostetler, Rosi and Mitch Kaufman, George Melby and Anna Marie Peterson. Rachel Hostetler is also assisting. For more information, contact Anna Marie Peterson or Karen Hostetler.

Rainbow Mennonite Freedom School is now hiring servant leader interns for this summer. For more information, visit the following site: <http://www.rainbowfreedomsschool.com/356530263>

Rainbow is helping serve at **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** on Friday, April 4 from 10:30am-1:00pm. 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.

The Stewardship Committee is seeking input from the congregation in regards to the disbursement of funds received from **Mary Lucille Larson Trust Fund**. This is a

one-time gift. We have been charged by council to seek input from the congregation and put forth a plan that would best allocate this gift while paying tribute to the Larson's service and contribution to RMC and SCR. We are asking that you send your ideas in writing to the church office so they can be compiled and considered by Monday morning April 7th. The Stewardship committee will meet shortly after to consider the input and then make a proposal to council. Please include the following components:

1. A purpose or project other than just a daily operating set of expenditures (based on discussion at annual meeting). We also are not seeking a list of different line items that could be funded wholly and or partially from this fund.
2. Reasoning behind your purpose or project that would leave a legacy that honors the Larson's. Consider things that might be sustainable or even leverages the funds to make a larger impact to the church and/or community.

Questions contact: Pat Bertsche, Greg Gaeddert, Clif Hostetler, Jerry Jantz, Rod Kliewer, Janelle Schrag, Mark Unruh, or the office (office@rainbowmennonite.org)

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Attendance.....	117
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9

This Week

Sunday	March 30	Congregational Meal	11:45 am
Tuesday	April 1	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 2	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	April 4	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am

Next Week

Sunday	April 6	Mentor/Mentee Lunch	12:00 pm
		Wallace Baby Shower	2:00 pm
Tuesday	April 8	Family Game Night	6:00 pm
Wednesday	April 9	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Thursday	April 10	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm

*The complete church calendar is available at www.rainbowmennonite.org.

Spring Adult Education Classes

David and Goliath.....Wesley Room

This class is a discussion of the book *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* by Malcolm Gladwell. With a “use what you got” attitude, Gladwell is able to move through history highlighting figures such as Lawrence of Arabia and Martin Luther King Jr, Gladwell is able to illustrate how players labeled as the “underdog” prevail.

The Nonviolent God.....Room 110

This class is a discussion of the book *The Nonviolent God* by Dr. J. Denny Weaver. *The Nonviolent God* explores the positive images that the narrative of Jesus has on Christian living, including nonviolent practices, forgiveness and restorative justice, issues of racism and sexism, and more.

State of Wonder.....Sunflower Room

This class is a discussion of the book *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a novel that follows pharmaceutical researcher Dr. Marina Singh through her journey into the Amazon jungle. This novel is emotional, vivid, and a work of literature that will resonate with readers in the weeks and months to come, *State of Wonder* truly is a thing of beauty and mystery, much like the Amazon jungle itself.

The Wired Word.....Library

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. Each Thursday, lessons are emailed to the facilitators with the scriptural texts and questions for discussion. Lesson materials will be emailed each week.