

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 6, 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 **John Mueller and Mary Redmon**; our greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Janelle and Hannah Schrag and Tanya Ortman**.

Closing Trustee: **Dick Tatro**

Today we celebrate **our mentor relationships** between youth and adults in our congregation. At noon there will be a lunch for the new and ongoing mentors/mentees. Our new mentor relationships this year are Jacob Kaufman and Greg Gaeddert; Kennedy Kaufman and Robert Kaufman; Madeline Bollinger and Kelsy (Long) Allison. Thanks to those who have agreed to serve in that capacity to connect with our youth!

Everyone is invited to attend a **baby shower** for Ryan and Tania Casas Wallace today from 2:00-4:00 pm at the church. The decorative theme for the nursery is "Mickey Mouse." For more information, contact Anna Marie Peterson or Karen Hostetler.

There will be a **congregational meeting and potluck** on Sunday April 27.

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.

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

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Tuesday, April 8 from 6-8pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of pizza and games with Freedom School families. We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, serving the food, and playing board games with kids. The Outreach Committee will be making homemade pizza again. This event is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event or plan to attend, please RSVP to Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

There will be a **Whitmore Park workday** on Saturday, April 12 from 8am-12pm to spread woodchips and do general clean-up in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt the following week. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

The **Senior High Youth** will convene for our April service experience by assisting in the Rainbow Garden from 9:00-11:30 on Saturday, April 12th. We will fellowship immediately afterward for lunch at a nearby restaurant. If possible, go ahead and give us a heads up if you're able to join. Youth without wheels will be ready for pick-up at the church about 1:00 pm. If there any questions let Joshua, Josh, Alyssa, or Tina know! Hope to see you there!

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 then open up time for questions and conversation around this very complicated and tragic conflict. Bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact me. --Tanya Ortman

Pray without ceasing! On April 20 we will have a ritual in worship whereby we affirm and release the prayers in our Prayer Bowl into God's keeping and into the good earth. After pouring water on them, they will be tilled into our Rainbow garden, symbolic of the fruit and life that we hope grows from our praying. Our hope is to have a similar Prayer Bowl ritual every year around Easter, so keep praying! Note that these prayers have been offered anonymously and have not been read by anyone at Rainbow. If you have a prayer request that you would like a pastor or deacon to be aware of, please find some way, even if anonymously, to make that request.

The **Little Free Library** is in need of children's books! Please drop off any donations in the marked bag in the coat rack by the Wesley Room.

The **29th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 19, at 10:30 a.m., in Whitmore Park, for children ages 1-10. This is a wonderful community event for families in Rosedale, but requires lots of volunteers to make it happen. Below is the schedule of activities listing the different ways you can get involved:

Friday, April 18

1:00 pm - Boil eggs

6:30pm - Color eggs (120 dozen)

Saturday, April 19

7:30am - Clean park

8:30am - Set up park, bubbles, hide eggs and candy, inflate balloons

9:30am - Face painting, crowd and traffic control, music, balloon animals, Easter bunny

10:30am - Hunt begins with 150-300 children participating

11:30am - Clean-up

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday or contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org if you're interested in volunteering.

The Stewardship Committee is seeking input from the congregation for disbursement of funds received from **Mary Lucille Larson Trust Fund**. This is a one-time gift. Please send your ideas in writing to the church office by Monday morning April 7th. 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 Kliever, Janelle Schrag, Mark Unruh, or the office (office@rainbowmennonite.org)

March 30

Attendance.....	170
Visitors (included in attendance count)	13

This Week

Sunday	April 6	Mentor/Mentee Lunch	12:00 pm
		MVS Board Meeting	12:00 pm
		Casas 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
Saturday	April 12	Park Work Day	8:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	April 13	Trustees Meeting	8:00 am
		Lunch and Learn	12:00 pm
Wednesday	April 16	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	April 18	Egg Boiling	1:00 pm
		Egg Coloring	6:30 pm
Saturday	April 19	Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am

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 shows the “underdogs” 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.

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.