

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 18, 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 **Robert and Krista Kaufman**; our greeter is **Delores Jankovich**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg, Cynthia Kaufman, and Will Moore**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

Please continue to pray for **George Houghton** as he recovers from hip surgery.

Calling all delegates! It's time to decide who from Rainbow will be a delegate to the 2014 Western District Conference Assembly from July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. Remember that our goal is to have a full slate of delegates, which means we would like to have a minimum of nine people attend from Rainbow. You can learn more about the schedule and registration process here: <http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/>. Registration is covered by the church, but lodging and meals are not. However, there are several low cost options. Please email Ashton no later than June 1 if you are interested in being a delegate or if you have questions about attending as a non-delegate.

Summer Sunday school will be offered in June and teachers are needed. All curriculum and materials will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be downstairs next to the donuts and coffee, or you can contact education committee members LeeAnn Duncan, Emma Janzen, or Dave Schrag.

The topic for the **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum on Thursday, May 29 is "Keep it Sharp!" This will be a more informal session including a Happy Hour and a focus on Brain Games and ways to keep your mind sharp. The forum will be held at the Donnelly College Community Event Center, 608 N. 18th Street, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information at karenh@sckck.org.

Second Wind is the title of the latest book by Dr. William H. Thomas (changingaging.org). The book's publication is being celebrated with an unusual book-tour-gone-wild, the Second Wind National Tour of 25 cities, including Kansas City. You are cordially invited to two free Second Wind events in Kansas City on May 22. The first is a morning workshop with Bill Thomas, gerontologist, author, and insightful thinker on aging in America at the Kansas City Design Center. The second is an afternoon "non-fiction theater" performance hosted by Bill and including expert commentary, music, film, and story-telling. It will be held at The Folly Theater. There is no charge, but you need to register. For more information, check the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Karen Hostetler at karenh@sckck.org.

Staff Updates

Sexton Jim Williams will be out of the office on Tuesday, May 20 in order to celebrate his birthday.

Freedom School Update

The Sharing Community in Rosedale is launching an Individual Giving Campaign to support Freedom School this summer. The goal is to raise \$25,000. The 2014 budget for the school is \$100,457, and 81% of that amount has been raised to date. Your individual gift will help us meet budget and begin to replenish reserves. Persons are encouraged to make checks payable to Sharing Community in Rosedale, but they can also be made out to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated for Freedom School. Feel free to talk with Rachel Hostetler or Alan Huxman with questions or for more information.

What Freedom School Means to a Parent:

Working parents have limited options when they are looking for an affordable, quality summer program for their children. Freedom School meets this need and primarily serves low-income families. One parent shared "Rainbow Mennonite Freedom School has been nothing but a blessing to our family. Knowing that my children are not only in a safe environment, but are surrounded by people who truly care, puts my mind at ease..." This Rosedale family has participated in Freedom School for 3 years.

Regional/National News

Hesston alumni and friends are invited to *Explore Kansas!* with the renowned *Kansas City Symphony in the Flint Hills* on Sat., June 14 at the Rosalia Ranch in Butler County. Faculty member John Sharp will also share Flint Hills stories. May 31 deadline tickets are available either as part of the tour or to attend on your own. For costs and more, go to www.hesston.edu or call alumni at 620-327-8109.

Bethel College Alumni Weekend this year is June 6-8 on campus, including the Alumni Banquet and recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement Award winner. See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/ for a complete schedule, or call 316-284-5251 (800-522-1887, ext. 251).

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Attendance.....	140
Visitors (included in attendance count)	10

This Week

Tuesday	May 20	Park Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	May 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Monday	May 26	Memorial Day, Office Closed	All Day
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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.