

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 1, 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 Hannah Schrag**; our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa 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 **Carrie Parsons, Eric Jantzen, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

There is a welcome poster downstairs for everyone to sign for **Renee Reimer**, our youth coordinator, whose first Sunday is next Sunday.

Summer Sunday school will be offered in June for grades K-8 and will meet in the Rainbow Room (next to the kitchen).

The **congregational meeting minutes** from the April 27 meeting are posted on bulletin board and website under "congregation." There were many items were discussed and decisions made. **The next meeting will be on July 13.**

Are you interested in learning more about Rainbow (history, organization, culture)? Do you have interest in becoming a member or have questions about what that involves? If so, **join Pastor Ruth in her office TODAY** for conversation during the Sunday school hour. Please let Ruth know if you plan to attend or have questions.

Eight volunteers are needed to help serve at Willa Gill Food Kitchen on Friday, June 6 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

Mark your calendars: **Hot Dogs in the Park** will be on Saturday, June 14 from 6:30-8:00pm. The Outreach Committee invites you to gather with residents from the Rosedale neighborhood for a barbeque and potluck in Whitmore Park. Bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share and come meet some of our neighbors. We're looking for volunteers to help with the set up (starting at 5:30pm) and clean up (8:00-9:00pm). To sign-up, contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org. There will be another Hot Dogs in the Park in September.

There will be no Taizé services in June or July. They will resume in August.

Staff Updates

Community Service Coordinator Rachel Hostetler will be out of the office June 3-10.

WorshipArts

SAVE THE DATE(S)!!! We've shared the news of the fantastic opportunity presented by Calvin Institute by awarding Rainbow a grant in support of our WorshipArts program. Now it's time to make use of it! The first events will be two "Brunch and Learns", a chance for the congregation to hear a bit about what we (the kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade and their leaders) have done in the past and how we would like to celebrate and enrich the program. On August 17 and 24 we will provide a catered brunch in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Our hope is that everyone in the congregation will be able to come to one or the other of these brunches (the content presented will be the same). We'll be asking for reservations so we can make arrangements with the caterer, but there is no cost to the congregation to attend.

Plans are underway for the Rainbow retreat, with a focus on WorshipArts! Put Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21 on your calendar. The retreat will be held at the church so that we can make use of our space. Plans are still being finalized, but the retreat committee and WorshipArts leaders have ideas for fellowship, recreation, and arts activities for all ages. The cost for this retreat will be very reasonable thanks to the grant. More details coming soon but clear your calendar -- you don't want to miss this one.

Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign! 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.

Freedom School Story

This coming week Servant Leader Interns will be attending national training at the Children's Defense Fund conference facility on the Alex Haley Farm in Henning, Tennessee and at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. They gather with interns from around the country to learn about the Freedom School model and develop their leadership skills. Many interns have told me that national training is an inspiring, life-changing experience.

Freedom school Sunday celebration will be Sunday June 15. Several staff members will be here to offer reflections.

Freedom School Wish List

Freedom School needs another refrigerator. Head Start recently removed their refrigerator, and Freedom School has used this in the past.

The week of June 9-13 the interns will be having local training and start to set-up their classrooms. We are looking for volunteers to make lunch one day for the Freedom School staff (13 people).

A Culinary Assistant is needed in the kitchen on June 16 and 17 from 7am-2pm.

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org or Project Director Diane Spaite at rainbow@freedomschools.org.

May 25

Attendance.....	111
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Tuesday	June 3	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	June 6	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am

Next Week

Thursday	June 12	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	June 14	Hot Dogs in the Park	6:30 pm

Summer Adult Education Classes

Christianity After Religion.....Wesley Room

This class is a discussion of the book *Christianity After Religion* by Diana Butler Bass, which is about the future of Christianity and the movement of people towards spirituality instead of religion. Furthermore, Bass discusses the future of the church and the role the church can play in this new movement.

The Wired Word.....Sunflower Room

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.