

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 8, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**; our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Jan Good-Bollinger, Phyllis Carlson, and Kayla Bartel**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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**Today we welcome Renee Reimer** as our new Youth Program Director! Renee's primary responsibilities include planning junior and senior high youth group activities along with sponsors (service projects, fundraising Mennonite conference participation and educational opportunities). Renee's office is located next to the junior and senior high classrooms. Her email is [reneer@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:reneer@rainbowmennonite.org).

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

**Aaron Barnhart** will be presenting "From Resisters to Reformers: How Kansas Mennonites Changed Mental Health Care," **TODAY** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This is a talk he will be giving for the next year for the Kansas Humanities Council. Bring a brown bag lunch if you want. The presentation and discussion should take 45-60 minutes.

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](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org). There will be another Hot Dogs in the Park in September.

### **WANTED...FAIR TRADE AMBASSADOR**

Ten Thousand Villages Overland Park is currently developing a program to engage high school and college age youth in our community. Fair Trade Ambassadors will learn about our mission and the fair trade movement then develop a project that may allow them to earn community service hours. Ambassadors will be partnered with a Fair Trade Mentor to assist with their community service project. Mentors do not need to know all the answers, just the enthusiasm to find the answers! If you would like more information about this exciting volunteer opportunity please contact Karen at [volunteer.overlandpark@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:volunteer.overlandpark@tenthousandvillages.com).

**Maggie Goble** is departing June 18 to begin a one year term serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Beirut, Lebanon. She will help coordinate MCC's response to the Syrian refugee crisis. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers over the coming year.

### **Staff Updates**

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

Pastor Ruth Harder and Music Coordinator Rosi Penner Kaufman will be attending a colloquium for the Vital Worship grant Monday June 9-Wednesday June 11.

Office Manager Ashton Wells has been selected to preach at the Festival of Young Preachers as a part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly June 25-27 and will be out of the office. Due to the increased number of calls during Freedom School, **office volunteers** are needed June 24-27 from 9 am until noon. Please email [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) or call the office if you are available to help out.

## **Freedom School Update**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign. We have now met our operating budget and can focus on replenishing 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.

Linda Shelly writes:

A few years ago while volunteering in the After School Program at the Rosedale Ridge Apartment Complex, I met a sweet kindergarten student who was just learning to read. Each week she and I would work on one particular book that had several short stories at her reading level. She got better and better and soon could read all of the stories without help. Seeing her joy over her accomplishment was fabulous! The next spring Rachel Hostetler and I made a visit to this little girl's apartment to see if she and her brothers would like to come to Freedom School. While talking with the mom in the home, the brothers were grumbling about 'having to go to school in summer.' Their mom quickly replied that they 'were doing it.' At the end of Freedom School that summer, I was so happy to learn that the little girl and her brothers had all attended Freedom School and had loved it! They all had expressed that they wanted to return to Freedom School the next summer again. It was such a joy to know that this family could now share positive stories with others at Rosedale Ridge; sharing with pride about their accomplishments at Freedom School.

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

## **Freedom School Wish List**

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).

If you can help please contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org) or Project Director Diane Spaitte at [rainbow@freedomschools.org](mailto:rainbow@freedomschools.org).

**June 1**

Attendance.....	123
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	3

**This Week**

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

**Next Week**

Monday	June 16	First Day of Freedom School	All Day
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***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.