

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 15, 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 **Aaron and Caitlin Linscheid**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

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**Diane Spaite** is the Project Director of Freedom School and our guest speaker this morning. She loves the Rosedale neighborhood and has worked at Rosedale Ridge. She has recently relocated back to Kansas City from Washington DC with her dog and husband. She has a Masters of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Today we will be commissioning the following people who are going on the **Colombia mission trip** June 21-29.

Jana Graham	Will Moore
Claire Zehner	Todd Zehner
Kayla Bartel	Hannah Unruh
Roger Navarro	Ed Neufeld
Carrie Parsons	Terri Gaeddert
Greg Gaeddert	

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

## **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).

Pastor Mervin Hershberger is retiring from **Argentine Mennonite Church**. You are invited to an open house honoring him and his wife Judy on Sunday, June 29 from 2-4 pm at Argentine Mennonite (3701 Metropolitan Ave, Kansas City, KS).

## **Staff Updates**

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.

Freedom school story:

Intern Claire Boyts writes “One year at Freedom School, I had a scholar who was being picked on. When sharing this with his father, he told me he teaches his children to stand up for themselves and fight back. The scholar, standing beside me, chimed in and exclaimed to his father “But dad, that’s not the Freedom School way!”

## **Freedom School Wish List**

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

Freedom School needs to make repairs on its old upright freezer or replace it with a newer one. Before making repairs, we decided to check with the congregation to see if anyone could donate an upright freezer at least 20 cubic ft.

We are looking for **Read-A-Loud Guests** to come and read a story out loud to the young scholars at Freedom School (open time slots: Mon-Friday, June 23rd-July 25th) during our morning "Harambee" time. You would prepare a book to read to the scholars and arrive at church at 8:15 a.m. If you're interested in the details, please e-mail Diane @ [rainbow@kcfreedomschools.org](mailto:rainbow@kcfreedomschools.org). THANK YOU!

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org) or Project Director Diane Spaite at [rainbow@kcfreedomschools.org](mailto:rainbow@kcfreedomschools.org).

**June 8**

Attendance.....	142
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	14

**This Week**

Monday	June 16	First Day of Freedom School	All Day
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**Next Week**

Thursday	June 26	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
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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.