

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 29, 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 usher is **Mitch Kaufman**; our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Cynthia Kaufman, Tanya Ortman, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

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**Thank you to the Rainbow Mennonite Voluntary Service unit** for leading worship today and offering reflections on service.

- **Angela Bishop** volunteers with Migrant Farm Workers Project. Her Rainbow host parents are Dale and Linda Graham. Today will be her last Sunday with us as she returns soon to her hometown Souderton, PA.
- **Sophie Lapp** volunteers as a Community Organizer with Rosedale Development Association. Her Rainbow host parents are Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart. She will return to her hometown Goshen, IN, in late July.
- **Fabian Peterson** volunteers with Urban Scholastic Center, a ministry that works to develop socially responsible Christian leaders. Fabian was matched with host parent Markus Groebner. Markus will return to Hamburg, Germany at the end of July.
- **Ben Preheim** is from Lawrence, KS and volunteers with Connecting for Good, bridging the digital divide. Ben's host parents are Todd and Claire Zehner. His future plans are unknown.

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

Please **pray** for...

- Church Sexton as he recovers from surgery.
- Our Rainbow Colombia group returning today!
- Our Rainbow delegates who are going to the Western District Conference Annual Assembly July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. Conference delegates include: Ruth Harder, Debra Sapp-Yarwood, Keith Jantz, Alyssa Bennett-Smith, Peggy Coriell, Laura Schmidt, Mary Redmon, Beatrix Amstutz, Scott Weast. Kent Moore will also attend the assembly and represent Rainbow on a special conference task force. More information about the assembly and this task force will be given at the July 13 congregational meeting.

**Mark your calendars:** The next Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday July 13 with a noon fundraising meal.

If you are interested to follow **Phillip Amstutz's** adventures for the next year and a half in Colombia, South America you may follow his blog - [kansastocolombia.wordpress.com](http://kansastocolombia.wordpress.com).

**WorshipArts** invites you to “Brunch and Learn” on either Sunday August 17 or Sunday August 24. The program and menu will be the same for both; we scheduled two dates with the hope that everyone will be able to participate on one or the other of the Sundays. The brunch will be catered by Deco Catering, at no cost to those who attend. However, we ask that you register for your preferred date by AUGUST 1 by going to <http://rainbowmennonite.org/worship/worship-arts/> and clicking on “register for brunch and learn.”

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

**Apartment for rent** in Argentine area of KCK: includes utilities, cable TV, internet, washer & dryer and garage. Available August 1st. For more info please contact Glenda Campbell

**Staff Updates:** Pastor Ruth will be at the Western District Assembly July 4-6. For pastoral concerns call Phil Rhoads.

**New Rosedale bus line!** In celebration of the new bus line that connects Rosedalians to grocery stores, health care, job opportunities, a library and a community center, Rosedale Development Association is hosting a bus line kick-off celebration Monday June 30 from 11:45 am-1 pm at Emerson Park in Argentine, KS. Want to ride the bus to the park? Meet at Rainbow church bus stop at 11 am.

### **Freedom School Update**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign. To date, we have collected \$14,750 to help us reach our goal of raising \$25,000. 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:

My favorite book from week 1 was *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*. Marisol is a strong-minded child who enjoys wearing clothes that do not match. This is a great book because it allows scholars to take a journey through Marisol's life and experience all the differences that she possesses. This book comforted scholars and helped them embrace their differences amongst peers. Scholars then created story maps that highlighted main events that took place in the story. This activity provided them a chance at sequencing and recalling events that took place in the story. -by Ms. Ver-Lyssa

### **Freedom School Volunteer Opportunities**

Freedom School is looking for volunteers to assist with after-school care (3:15-5:30pm). This involves supervising children as they play outside in the park or play board games inside. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org) or sign-up after church.

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!

**HELP IRAQIS THROUGH MCC:** As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life and is planning an ongoing response. MCC also is calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention in Iraq and instead to send humanitarian aid. Please help us reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq to both respond quickly and continue long-term efforts that build peace. More information is available online or by calling 1-888-563-4676. The Action Alert at [mcc.org/advocate-iraq](http://mcc.org/advocate-iraq) provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the president. Thank you for partnering with MCC to help uprooted people and for your ongoing prayers for peace in the region.

**June 22**

Attendance.....	100
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	13

**This Week**

Friday July 4- Sunday July 6      Western District Conference Annual Assembly

**Next Week**

Tuesday	July 8	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	July 10	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:30 pm
Sunday	July 19	Healthy Kids Carnival	10:30 am

***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.