

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 17, 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 **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. 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, Marsha Rhoads, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Daniel Kaufman, Carl Dean Yarwood, and Anna McGuire.

Please **pray** for the Campbell family as Bob's mother, Jean Campbell, has passed away. Services were held yesterday.

In the time leading up to Arlie Regier's death and in the days that followed, I witnessed many gestures of care and support. **Praise God** for those who sang songs with Arlie and Sue on Sunday afternoons, those who lifted their voices in song during his memorial service, those who ran the sound system and projector, those who ushered and arranged flowers and sculptures, those who prepared the meal afterwards, and those who donated to the Rainbow Playground Fund in honor of Arlie and his playful creations. I'm grateful to be part of this caring community. -Pastor Ruth

A Fall BBQ has been planned for the **Junior High youth** (6th-9th graders) Sunday August 17th from 5-8pm at Natasha VanDyke's house There will be great food and fun outdoor games! Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. Junior High families should also look forward to a lock-in on Saturday September 20th.

New **security measures**: the security cameras have been installed by the East and West door. Also, the East and West door locks will be changed in early September, with new keys being distributed beforehand.

The 2014-2015 Sunday School term is just around the corner. Children's and adult classes will begin on September 7. **Teachers are needed** for preschool, K-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade. Serving as a Sunday School teacher is a great way to "give back" to the church. Recruit a friend or spouse, and teach as a team. No experience necessary; you simply need to be willing to learn along with the kids. Curriculum and supplies provided. Questions? Contact the Youth Education Committee: David Schrag, LeeAnn Duncan, or Emma Janzen.

Just a reminder and clarification for the **Worship Arts Brunch and Learns** scheduled for TODAY and next Sunday -- we will begin our time together at 11:00 in the sanctuary, and everyone is invited to attend the presentation part of the event, even if you don't have a brunch reservation. During the brunch there will be more opportunity for fellowship and interaction, but we hope everyone has a chance to hear the "spiel" from the WorshipArts leaders.

Senior High Youth Retreat [insert ideas here] will be held at Camp Mennoscah on August 23rd-24th. This retreat will be for all youth going into 9th-12th grades. Plan to meet at Rainbow at 9am Saturday morning to depart for camp. We will arrive back at Rainbow by 6pm Sunday evening. Youth should plan to bring snacks to share for the weekend and money for lunch on Saturday. An email with more detailed information, packing list, and schedule was sent out this week. Please have all contact forms and medical forms turned in to Renee before the retreat.

Put it on your calendar! The Rainbow Retreat is September 20-21. We will begin at 11:00 am with a potluck picnic in the park, then spend the afternoon in a variety of activities led by Paul Rudy and Lana Marie Haas. After recreation late in the afternoon, we'll share supper and an early evening activity, concluding around 8:30 pm. The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:30, followed by lunch catered by Deco Catering, then a wrap-up session finishing at 2:30. The theme for the retreat is ***“Become like children and enter the Kingdom (Matthew 18:3): Making a joyful noise through playing with sound”!*** The cost is \$10/person, with a maximum of \$25/family. This is an amazing opportunity to connect with people of all ages in our church and exercise your creative muscles.

After considerable discussion at a specially called meeting of the congregation last Sunday, the **congregation approved proceeding with construction** on the junior and senior high classroom project and approved funding the entire proposed cost through the Mary Larson Gift Fund. After hearing the alternatives presented by Mike Peters, co chair of the committee, Rainbow agreed by a near unanimous vote to proceed with the project. We want to thank all who helped get this project started and pray for an on time completion with a minimum of delays. Also note that this does not include the cost of furniture or electronic equipment, which will hopefully be funded in the future by donations from other individuals.—Keith Jantz, moderator

Help us recycle plastic, aluminum, cardboard and paper from the church and playground. We are no longer receiving payment for paper recycling to benefit Whitmore Playground. We now have a co-mingle recycling bin. All recycling but glass can be placed in this new bin. We do not receive payment for this but we're hoping by recycling plastic, cardboard, paper etc, we can greatly reduce our trash. Our goal is to have trash picked up every other week instead of once a week. The paper bin will be removed and hopefully we will get a recycle can or two for church and playground. In the meantime, use the small blue trash cans marked "co-mingle."

Time to make our voices heard! Each person at Rainbow, 9th grade and older, is invited to complete a 20 question survey just issued by Western District Conference. The survey pertains to Mennonite statements on biblical interpretation and same-sex relationships. The deadline to fill out the survey is August 31.

It's time to **update the church directory!** Please check and update your information on the printed directories in the Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour. A current directory can also be found at www.rainbowmennonite.org under the congregation login, so feel free to check online and email Ashton at office@rainbowmennonite.org if there are any changes. If your contact information is not listed, please add it in the blank sheets at the back of the paper copies or email Ashton.

Beautifully hand crafted one of a kind rugs will arrive October 9-13 for the Fair Trade Oriental Rug Event at Ten Thousand Villages, 7947 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS. Many sizes and styles are available for that special room in your home. The purchase of one rug will provide enough income to sustain an entire family for one year.

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Attendance.....	132
Visitors (included in attendance count)	17

This Week

Sunday	August 17	WorshipArts Brunch and Learn	11:00 am
		Junior High BBQ	5:00 pm
Tuesday	August 19	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday-Sunday	August 23-24	Senior High Youth Retreat	All Day

Next Week

Sunday	August 24	WorshipArts Brunch and Learn	11:00 am
Thursday	August 28	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm