

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 24, 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 **Amy Kliewer and Phyllis Carlson**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

This morning the Senior High Youth and their leaders are at Camp Mennoscah for a retreat. They will return tonight around 6 pm.

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 Learn** scheduled for TODAY -- 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.

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.

If you would like to be a part of a **small group**, please contact LeeAnn Duncan, Tanya Ortman, Pat Bertsche, Peggy Coriell, or email office@rainbowmennonite.org. The committee is meeting and will be adding to existing groups/ creating new ones.

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**.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>

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.

A Flint Hills camping trip, hosted by the Harder and Gaeddert families is in the works for August 31-September 1. The plan is to leave after church on Sunday. Return time on Monday is flexible depending on weather. There will be opportunities for swimming, hiking, star gazing, fishing and music-playing. If tent camping isn't an option, there is a nearby Bed and Breakfast. Please contact Ruth Harder (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org) or Greg Gaeddert if you are interested in learning more.

Quilters will meet August 28, Thursday, at 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for sewing the designed blocks. Please bring machines if possible!

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.

I will be holding **Safe Sanctuary** training sessions for all volunteers working with children and youth following Sunday School on August 31 and September 7. Under our Safe Sanctuary policy all volunteers working with youth (e.g. Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, youth sponsors, youth mentors, etc.) are required to take this training. The sessions are only about 30 minutes. You also will be asked to complete a Participation Covenant form for this coming year and, if you don't already have one on file, a Volunteer Application form. If you will be working with children or youth this coming year, please plan to attend one of the training sessions. I also encourage you to take a few minutes to review the Church's Safe Sanctuary Policy by clicking here or you may request a hard copy from the Church office. Parents of children and youth also are encouraged to review the policy. Mary Redmon, Past Moderator

The **Young Adult Group** will be gathering for a Potluck at Loose Park on Sunday, September 7th @ 5pm. Our exact location within the park is yet to be determined, but will be advertised on our groups Facebook page close to the date of the event. Bring a dish to share, a picnic blanket if you have one and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions feel free to email Josh Chittum.

Come one, come all to the annual **Mennonite Voluntary Service Open House on September 14th** following Sunday school. Enjoy veggie burgers and hotdogs while you get to know this year's crew of volunteers! Walk up to 2303 S Early St and join in the fun. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Tableware, drinks, and of course the hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided. Lawn chairs optional. Contact Tanya Ortman with any questions.

Do you have interest in participating in the **Harvesters' BackSnack program**? This program provides food to hungry children for the weekend. Our church plans to participate again and has some volunteer openings. As a community partner, we are responsible for filling and delivering 85 bags of food for children at Noble Prentis, a local elementary school. Volunteers are needed to unload boxes, fill bags with food or deliver them to the school. Persons sign-up to be responsible for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Friday of every month. Please let me know if you have any interest or questions about this. –Rachel Hostetler (rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org)

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Attendance.....	160
Visitors (included in attendance count)	7

This Week

Sunday	August 24	WorshipArts Brunch and Learn	11:00 am
Thursday	August 28	Quilting	4:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Tuesday	September 2	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 3	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	September 5	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am