RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH March 1, 2015

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 **Mitch Kaufman and Jonathan Bollinger**; 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 **Karen Siebert, Timm Walker, and Will Moore.**

Closing Trustee: Annie Jones

We **give thanks** that Mary Lou Duerksen is recovering and is now out of critical care.

Please pray for **Bernita and Hal Boyts** as Bernita continues to receive home care in Hesston, KS.

Today, after worship, people will have an opportunity to go upstairs to see the renovated youth space and write a note of encouragement to the youth. (A slideshow of the remodeling project will be available in Fellowship Hall for those who don't make it upstairs.) At 11:00 am we will gather in Fellowship Hall for **storytelling and a potluck brunch**.

At 5:00 pm, everyone is invited back to the church for a church-wide **Variety Show Extravaganza.** Mike Horner will be the emcee for the evening, so bring the family out to RMC to spend an enjoyable evening filled with snacks and entertainment. Note that this event is a fundraising opportunity for the junior and senior high youth who are attending this summer's Mennonite Church USA convention. Adult Sunday School classes will resume on March 8. For more details on the classes that will be offered, pick up a green brochure in the foyer.

Baptism Inquiry/Preparation will happen soon! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ruth.

It's time to update the **Picture Wall**: if your photo is missing, or if you want to update your photo, please 1) see Philip in Fellowship Hall, or 2) you may email a jpeg, or 3) you may bring a print to be scanned.

We have been invited to offer a **Rainbow Welcome to Worship** for the MCUSA Convention worship service on July 5 in Bartle Hall. We have six minutes to share "something Rainbow." To help us prepare, we have invited Talashia Keim Yoder to lead a workshop on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. to help us create our welcome. This is sponsored by the WorshipArts grant, but it is important that all ages are represented, so everyone is invited to participate. More details coming soon.

A **Lenten Taizé** service of prayer, silence and singing will be held from 5:45-6:30 pm <u>every Wednesday of Lent</u> in the Sanctuary. Following the service each week everyone is invited to participate in a lectionary-based Bible Study in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Updates

Are you a jr. or sr. high youth interested in attending **MCUSA convention** the week of June 30th-July 5th? Turn in your \$100 nonrefundable deposit to Renee by TOMORROW.

Senior high service project! Meet at the church on Saturday March 7 at 2 pm. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty; we'll be cleaning out the birds nest from the attic.

Senior High Youth Group Lunch will take place on Sunday March 8th, from 12-2pm. An admissions counselor from Hesston College will be joining us to talk about Life After College. Bring your questions Senior Highers!

A Junior High Scavenger Hunt will take place around Kansas City on Sunday, March 8th from 3-5pm. Meet at Rainbow at 3pm and we will travel to our first destination. Bring a camera or camera phone if you have one.

Member Updates

Freddie Rhoads and Yolanda Wosny, who were recently married, will be visiting here **on March 8**. The newlyweds are looking forward to greeting friends at Rainbow. The Fritz's Saturday morning breakfast group will be hosting a small reception for them after church in fellowship hall. Cake and punch will be served. Since the couple lives so far away a money tree and/or card basket will be provided for those wishing to give them a gift.

WHITMORE PLAYGROUND NEEDS YOU!

Whitmore Playground is a unique playground experience in the general metropolitan area of Rosedale. Local area parents are very appreciative of the park. The purpose of this committee is to continue to enrich the lives of persons of all ages and abilities in the neighborhood and the church community through the use of a safe, clean and interesting playground.

Whitmore Playground Committee seeks to add members to the committee to reflect our church community. We need your vison, your experience and your perspective. Please contact Gary Long, to join or if you need more information.

This Week			
Sunday	March 1	Variety Show Extravaganza	5:00 pm
Tuesday	March 3	Election	All Day
Wednesday	March 4	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:45 pm
Saturday	March 7	Worship Committee Retreat	9:00 am
		Senior High Service Project	
Next Week			
Sunday	March 8	Sr high Youth Group	12:00 pm
		Jr high scavenger hunt	3:00 pm
Tuesday	March 10	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Wednesday	March 11	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:45 pm
Friday	March 20	SCR Board Meeting	8:00 am