

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 8, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**; our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Janelle Schrag, Carrie Parsons, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Please join in praying for the family of **Mary Lou Duerksen**. Mary Lou died on March 4. A funeral service was held yesterday, March 7.

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

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

On Sunday morning, July 5, there will be 4,000+ Mennonites worshipping together at Bartle Hall. Rainbow has been invited to start the service with a **Call to Worship**. To put together this Rainbow welcome, we've invited Talashia Keim Yoder to help us create and practice what we'd like to offer. Please join us on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00-2:00. Lunch will be provided. Talashia has a lot of experience facilitating this sort of process, so I hope lots of folks will want to be part of this experience. All ages welcome. RSVP to the church office. -- Rosi Penner Kaufman

Save the Date: Our next congregational meeting will be on April 19. We will also be joined in worship by the Larson family and will dedicate the youth “Upper Room” on this Sunday.

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

This Sunday starts a new cycle of **Adult Education** classes. See the back of the newsnotes for more information.

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. Please contact Gary Long, to join or if you need more information.

Youth Updates

Senior High Youth Group Lunch will take place TODAY, 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 today 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, are visiting here **today**. 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.

Staff Updates

Congratulations to Office Manager Ashton Wells who has been nominated by Central Baptist Seminary Faculty for the Addie Davis Excellent in Preaching Award, an award given by Baptist Women in Ministry each year.

Freedom School fundraiser: Since the MC USA bi-annual conference is in Kansas City this year (June 30-July 5), most of our local conference attendees will be able to sleep in their own comfortable beds. Wouldn't you like to use the money you're saving on transportation, lodging and meals to help Freedom School instead? The Sharing Community in Rosedale board is asking conference attendees to consider making a donation to Freedom School this year in lieu of paying a conference hotel bill (a hotel room and one full meal plan for the week is about \$850).

And the opportunity isn't just for Rainbow members. If you are hosting guests in your home, we would like to offer them the opportunity to donate as well. The church office is working on a brochure that you can send to guests in advance or have available when they arrive at your home. The brochure shares a bit about Freedom School and the difference their donation can make.

This 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
		Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:45 pm
Friday	March 13	SCR Board Meeting	8:00 am

Next Week

Wednesday	March 18	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:45 pm
Saturday	March 21	Workshop with Talashia	10:00 am

Spring Adult Education Electives

***This Changes Everything*.....Sunflower Room**

This class will discuss *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein who argues that climate change isn't just another issue to be neatly filed between taxes and health care. It's an alarm that calls us to fix an economic system that is already failing us in many ways. And she demonstrates precisely why the market has not—and cannot—fix the climate crisis but will instead make things worse, with ever more extreme and ecologically damaging extraction methods, accompanied by rampant disaster capitalism.

***The Muslim Next Door*..... Wesley Room**

This class will discuss *The Muslim Next Door: The Qu'ran, The Media, and That Veil Thing* by Sumbul Ali-Karamali. Since 9/11, stories about Muslims and the Islamic world have flooded headlines, politics, and water-cooler conversations all across the country. And, although Americans hear about Islam on a daily basis, there remains no clear explanation of Islam or its people. The Muslim Next Door offers easy-to-understand yet academically sound answers to these questions while also dispelling commonly held misconceptions.

John Howard Yoder.....Room 110

This class will study the good and bad of John Howard Yoder using *John Howard Yoder: Radical Theologian* by J. Denny Weaver and *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* focused on the controversy surrounding the actions of theologian John Howard Yoder.

Worship Response Group.....Pastor's Office

This will be an opportunity to discuss the purpose and experience of worship at Rainbow. We will consider questions such as “What helped us worship today? What interfered with our worship? What inspiration, challenge, question will you take with you this week?”