

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 15, 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 usher is **Mary Redmon**; 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 **Stan and Carol Buller and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Please **pray for the family** of Bernita Boyts, who died on Friday, March 13. Bernita was a long-time member of Rainbow, together with her husband Hal. We will keep the congregation posted on details surrounding a Celebration of Life service which will take place in Hesston, KS.

Please remember **John and Linda Emory** in prayer as John is recovering from a recent hospitalization and Linda is still receiving rehab care in their home. Please pray that both of them would have a skilled and compassionate medical team surrounding them as they regain their health and strength.

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.

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Tuesday March 24 from 6-8pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of pizza and games with Freedom School families. We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving the food, playing board games with kids and clean-up. Terry Rouse will be making homemade pizza, along with other members of the Outreach Committee. This event is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org

Looking forward in Lent, here are some highlights in the coming weeks:

- Sarah Thompson, Christian Peacemaker Team Executive Director, will be our guest preacher on Palm Sunday, March 29
- A **Maundy Thursday** supper of soup and bread will occur April 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This service will include music and the sharing of communion around each table. Please RSVP.
- **Easter egg decorating** will take place at 6:30 pm April 3, followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the playground on Saturday the 4th. More information about these events will be coming soon.
- Finally, what is March/Lent without basketball? Pastor Ruth and others will be hosting a **basketball clinic for Rainbow kids** before egg decorating (5-6 pm on Friday, April 3). Anyone interested in participating should contact Ruth.

Staff Updates

Renee Reimer and Holly Wetzel attended a **Youth Leadership Conference**, Ignite You, March 13 and 14 in Des Moines, IA.

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).

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

Wednesday	March 18	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	March 21	Workshop with Talashia	10:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	March 22	Trustees Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	March 24	Family Game Night	6:00 pm
Wednesday	March 25	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Lectionary Bible study	6:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 26	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	March 28	Sr High Lockin	6:00 pm

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?”