

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 29, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**; 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 **Jeff and Emma Janzen**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

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Please continue to pray for **Tracy Long** as she recovers from a recent surgery requiring hospitalization.

Our **guest preacher** today is Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Sarah graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary with her Masters of Divinity in 2011 and has served in various capacities in the Mennonite world including Mennonite World Conference.

The church hosted a very successful **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Tuesday March 24. The Fellowship Hall was completely full with approximately 100 people. There was much excitement about Freedom School this summer! Families from the community had a fun evening playing board games, enjoying homemade pizza and visiting with others in the community. In addition, a book was given to every child. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with this event!

Rainbow is helping serve at **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** on Friday, April 3 from 10:30am-1:00pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org).

**Holy Week begins today, the sixth Sunday in Lent.** We will end our time of worship today with a spoken and choral invitation into Holy Week, as well as a moment of quiet reflection. In so doing, we will join many Christians around the world who choose not to isolate Jesus' suffering from the good news of resurrection. Here are some other services and opportunities during Holy Week:

- The final **Lenten Taizé** service of prayer, silence and singing will be held from 5:45-6:30 pm this coming Wednesday in the Sanctuary. Note that there will not be a Bible Study gathering following the service this week.
- A **Maundy Thursday** supper of soup and bread will occur April 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This service, commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples, will include music and the sharing of communion around each table. Note that this communion service will replace our sharing in communion on Easter morning, April 5.
- What is March/Lent without basketball? Pastor Ruth, Dale Graham and Keith Jantz 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.
- A **Jr High lock-in** will take place Friday, April 3rd beginning at 6pm. We will be helping color eggs in the evening and hiding them in the morning. Come for the egg coloring, stay for the fun times afterwards!
- The **30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. in Whitmore Park for children ages 1-10. This is a wonderful community event for families in Rosedale, but requires volunteers to make it happen. Below is the schedule of activities listing the ways you can get involved:

### **Friday, April 3**

1:00 pm - Boil eggs

6:30pm - Color eggs (120 dozen)

### **Saturday, April 4**

7:30am - Clean park

8:30am - Set up park, bubbles, hide eggs and candy, inflate balloons

9:30am - Face painting, crowd and traffic control, music, balloon animals, Easter bunny

10:30am - Hunt begins with 150-300 children participating, monitor play in park

11:30am - Clean-up

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday or contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org) if you're interested in volunteering.

The **Welcoming Committee** thanks you for wearing your name tag! If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please contact Ashton at [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org). Name tags are organized by numbers in both racks at the East and West entrances. To find your number, consult the alphabetical lists attached to these racks; then locate your name tag in the rack by that number.

Annual Mennonite Voluntary Service (**MVS**) **work day** to be held April 11th. Friends of MVS (which is all of us, right?) are invited to join the MVSers and support committee members for a work day the morning of Saturday, April 11th. Come to 2303 S Early St around 8:30am, or whenever you are free, for a morning of yard work and general cleaning. All skill levels and interests are welcome! RSVPs are helpful but not required. Contact Tanya Ortman

On Sunday, April 12, the **Rainbow Choir** will offer a special musical meditation in the worship service, movements from *Requiem for Peace* by Larry Nickel. Dr. Nickel is a composer from Vancouver, British Columbia, and is one of the founders of the West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir. The choir will be accompanied by a small instrumental ensemble of harp, percussion, flute, clarinet oboe and piano

### **This Week**

Tuesday	March 31	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 1	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 2	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
Friday	April 3	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
		Egg Boiling	1:00 pm
		Basketball clinic	5:00 pm
		Jr High Lockin	6:00 pm
		Egg Coloring	6:30 pm
Saturday	April 4	Easter Egg Hunt Setup	7:30 am
		Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am

### **Next Week**

Tuesday	April 7	Election	All Day
Wednesday	April 8	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	April 11	WDC Reference Council	9:00 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?”