

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 7, 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 **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or have questions about the location of 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 and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Anna Jones**

Please **join us** in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour for a presentation on "Mennonite Responses to John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse" by Rachel Waltner Gosseen. Rachel, a professor of history at Washburn University, was hired to study institutional responses to sexual abuse allegations and incidents involving the late John Howard Yoder.

Next Sunday, June 14, is **Freedom School** Sunday at Rainbow. Former Project Director Je T'aime Taylor will be preaching.

Summer Sunday School for all ages will resume today.

For children and youth, the schedule is as follows:

- June 7: Team building activities
- June 14: Scavenger hunt
- June 21: Camp sing
- June 28: Veggie Tales/Ted and Company

Starting June 14 and continuing through the rest of June, Sara Mwangura will facilitate an adult Sunday school gathering focused on non-violent communication, using Marshall Rosenberg's work in this field as a primary resource.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday, June 14 from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmemnonite.org).

The **weekend of June 20** will be a big weekend here at Rainbow! Various types of activities are being planned for both Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21 to provide opportunities for storytelling, remembering, and reflecting together.

- On **Saturday, June 20** there will be a gathering at the church from 4-7 pm. This will include a potluck meal as well as some structured time to guide our storytelling about Rainbow's history. In order to assist with planning, please RSVP to the church office if you will be attending.
- On **Sunday, June 21**, we will be dedicating our new pulpit. Several former pastors will be joining us including Stan Bohn, Gary Schrag, Frank Ward, Ron Holland, Robert Kaufman, and Dorothy Nickel Friesen (served as associate pastor).
- **Sunday worship will be at 9:30 am.** Following the worship service, there will be an opportunity to visit informally during the coffee time and church school hour. A potluck will take place at noon and then from 1-2:30 pm, we'll gather in the sanctuary for additional storytelling and reflecting.

This will be a very special time for our church and hope many will be able to participate in the various activities!

Would you like to learn to be a **skilled bread baker**, shaping loaves by hand as an artisan? Join us on June 14 at 2:00 to learn from Amanda Lindahl, Joshua Smith, and John VanderHeide as we teach you three different breads including an easy no-knead overnight sourdough, kalamata olive, and a rich challah braid. We'll demonstrate techniques, work together, and break bread together. Donations accepted will go to Freedom School. Come to learn, to share, or simply to eat!

Rainbow Welcome Rehearsal: For those participating in the Call to Worship for the MC USA convention worship service on July 5, we would like to have a rehearsal after church on Sunday, June 28. We'll have a donation basket and order pizza. Anyone is welcome to join us, either singing in the choir or participating in the movement. We could actually use some more folks, so please join us. Talk with Ruth or Rosi for more details.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth Harder will be out of the office through Monday, June 8. For pastoral care emergencies contact Laura Schmidt.

Youth Updates

There will be a mandatory meeting TODAY following Sunday School for all youth and parents of youth attending MCUSA convention this summer. Lunch will be provided.

Sr high has the opportunity to **volunteer together** at an animal shelter on Wednesday, June 10th. Plan to meet at Rainbow at 2:15pm to carpool together. We should arrive back to Rainbow about 5:30pm.

Freedom School Update

The Sharing Community in Rosedale is continuing its Individual Giving Campaign to support Freedom School this summer. The 2015 budget for the school is \$109,846. The majority of our funding will be given on a reimbursement basis, so we need funds to help us operate until we are reimbursed. The goal is to raise \$20,000. Persons are encouraged to make checks payable to Sharing Community in Rosedale, but they can also be made out to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated for Freedom School. Questions? Contact Rachel Hostetler.

Freedom School Story:

This past week Servant Leader Interns attended national training at the Children's Defense Fund conference facility on the Alex Haley Farm in Henning, Tennessee and at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. They gathered with interns from around the country to learn about the Freedom School model and develop their leadership skills. We are very pleased to have Rainbow members Claire Boyts and Abby Banning as Freedom School interns this summer!

Freedom School Fund Raising Opportunity:

Want to help make zwiebach to be sold off of a food truck at the MCUSA Convention? Proceeds will be used to help fund Freedom School. We will be baking at church on possibly June 13, 20 & 21. If you are interested, please contact me at 913 908 7995 (cell) or 913 888 7995. ~Kathy Kaufman

Freedom School Volunteer Opportunities

The week of June 8-12 the interns will be having local training and start to set-up their classrooms. We are looking for volunteers to make lunch one day for the Freedom School staff (13 people). If you can help with this, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org

Are you interested in volunteering for Freedom School this summer? There will be a Freedom School volunteer **information session** on Sunday, June 7 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, after Sunday School. This session is for anyone interested in volunteering with After-School Care, Afternoon Activities or helping in other ways. All Freedom School volunteers are requested to complete an application, health status form and background check authorization paperwork before Freedom School starts. If you are not able to attend, then please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

This Week

Sunday	June 7	Parent/Student Convention Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	June 9	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 10	Deacons Meeting	10:00 am
		Sr High Service Project	3:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	June 14	Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
		Bread Baking	2:00 pm
Wednesday	June 17	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	June 18	Park Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	June 20	Rainbow History Gathering	4:00 pm