

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 28, 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 **Kent and Will Moore**. Our greeters are **Jana Graham and Andrew Moore**. 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 **Eric Jantzen, Ashton Wells, and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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**Welcome Hannah Heinzekehr!** Our guest preacher today is the Director of Communications and Marketing for Mennonite Church USA.

**Today Sara Mwagura will continue facilitating an adult Sunday school gathering** focused on non-violent communication, using Marshall Rosenberg's work in this field as a primary resource. Location: Wesley Room.

**Help us SELL OUT!** The youth have only 20 Rainbow Mennonite Peace, Love, & Potluck t-shirts left. Get yours during the coffee hour before they are all gone! Suggested donation is \$15 with all proceeds going to helping the youth get to convention. We have adult sizes small-XLarge.

**Rainbow worship on the move!** Next Sunday Rainbow worship will be held at Bartle Hall, Exhibit A. The service begins at 10:00 am, with Shane Claiborne preaching, Rainbow members giving the call to worship, and Jesse Graber and Steve Goeke performing offertory music. No services will be held at Rainbow on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Convention Corner

**The national Mennonite Church USA biennial convention starts on Tuesday, June 30.** If you missed the June 1 registration deadline you can still register onsite during the week.

**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 TODAY. 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 use some more folks, so please join us.

Enjoy two of the **MCUSA Rainbow presentations early!** TONIGHT at 4:00 pm at the church, Rosi Penner Kaufman and Lonnie Buerge will do a dress rehearsal for their presentations at MCUSA. Rosi will present approx. 20 minutes of her planned organ recital and Lonnie will present the Celebration of Certain Martyrs that he did at Rainbow last year. The entire program should be about 75 minutes. It is free but donations will be accepted for the Rainbow Freedom School. Join us.

Note the following convention events free and open to the public:

- At Grace and Holy Trinity (across the street from the convention center)
  - June 30, 5:00 p.m.: *Bound Together, Together Free* worship service planned by those who seek a more LGBTQ inclusive church
  - June 30, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer walk
  - July 3, 6:30 p.m.: The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert
  - July 3, 8:30 p.m.: Service of Lament for Sexual Abuse
  - July 4, 9:00 p.m.: The Ted & Company drama, *Listening for Grace*
- The opening and closing convention worship services (Bartle Hall, Exhibit A) are also free and open to the public on Tuesday evening, June 30 at 7: 15 pm and Sunday morning, July 5 at 10:00 am.

The **Sharing Community in Rosedale Board (SCR)** is inviting local MCUSA 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). If you are hosting guests in your home, we would like to offer them the opportunity to donate to Freedom School as well. Brochures to give to house guests will be next to the coffee and donuts downstairs in fellowship hall.

**SCR** is partnering with Deco Catering on a Freedom School fundraiser during the convention. A Deco food truck will be parked at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral the following days and times:

- Tuesday, June 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 2, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 3, TBD

The menu will include wraps, salads, sides, drinks, and dessert options.

Approximately a third of the funds raised from the food truck will go towards Rainbow Freedom School. Plus, we will be selling zweibach (bread roll) at the food truck, with all funds going toward Freedom School. Special thanks to Kathy Kaufman and company for making over 48 dozen zwiebach!

There are several **Israel/Palestine** events at convention. Alex Awad, Dean of Bethlehem Bible College and John and Pat Bertsche's son-in-law and Elias Awad's uncle, will be presenting on the "Story of My Palestinian Christian Family" at 2 pm in Room 2203 on Thursday July 2. That same evening there will be a reception in his honor that is open to the public at 7 pm at Grace and Holy Trinity.

**Organ tour drivers needed:** Rosi Penner Kaufman is offering an organ demonstration and mini recital as one of the convention learning experiences on Friday, July 3. The number of participants was limited to 25 because we need to provide transportation from the convention center to Rainbow. If you would be available to be at the convention center at 1:30 on July 3 to provide a ride to Rainbow, then a return back to the convention center at about 3:30, please contact Rosi: [rpkaufman@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rpkaufman@rainbowmennonite.org)

### **MCUSA Service Project/ Whitmore Playground**

On July 3, there will be 15 volunteers, senior high and adults from MCUSA working in the Whitmore Playground. We'll be preparing a garden plot for a butterfly garden in memory of Bernita Boyts, general clean up and other projects. You are all welcome to come work along side of them. We'll need wheel barrows and shovels. If you can't be with us that day but can loan your wheel barrow or shovel, bring them anytime, put them in the shed with your name on them. Any questions, call Wendell - 816-507-2313.

## Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign! To date, we have collected approximately \$13,200 to help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000. The majority of our funding will be given on a reimbursement basis, so we need funds to help us operate until we are reimbursed. 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. Feel free to talk with Rachel Hostetler with questions or for more information.

**Save the date!** This year's Freedom School Finale will be held at The Vox Theatre (across the street from the church) on Thursday, July 23 from 6-7pm. We hope this new venue will allow for increased community and church participation. Along with the singing, dancing, and artwork shared by Freedom School scholars, SCR Board will have some exciting announcements to make that evening, so you won't want to miss out! For those eager to hear more about recent SCR developments, fundraising efforts, and long-range planning, you are invited to a special pre-program reception starting at 5:30 pm at Rainbow.

### This Week

Sunday	June 28	Celebrating the Lives of Martyrs/ Organ Recital	4:00pm
Tues-Sun	June 30-July 5	MC USA Convention	

### Next Week

Sunday	July 5	Worship at Convention	10:00 am
Tuesday	July 7	Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
		Youth Education Committee Meeting	7:00 pm