

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 19, 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 **Dave and Hannah Schrag**. Our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa Schrag**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Jeff and Emma Janzen and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Our next quarterly congregational meeting will be held during the Sunday school hour NEXT SUNDAY, July 26. The agenda will include reports from Sharing Community in Rosedale, Trustees, and Mennonite Church USA convention. Updates will be given on the Rainbow Resolution submitted to Western District Conference as well as personnel/staff changes at Rainbow.

This year's Freedom School Finale will be held at The Vox Theatre (across the street from the church) THIS Thursday, July 23 from 6-7pm. We hope this new venue will allow for more members of the community and church to enjoy the energy, joy, singing, dancing and artwork of our Freedom School scholars. We are also having a pre-program reception at 5:30 p.m. at the church for people interested in learning more about recent Sharing Community in Rosedale developments and long-range planning.

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) assemblies are reunions of the Anabaptist-Mennonite family worldwide and take place every six years. The 2015 assembly begins this week (July 21-26) in Harrisburg, PA. The last time a MWC assembly was held in the United States was 1978 in Wichita, KS. Several Rainbow members will be attending all or parts of the assembly this week including Renee Reimer, the Good-Bollinger family, and Bob and Phyllis Carlson.

A one-day **Vacation Bible School** will be held at Rainbow Mennonite Church on Saturday, August 1st from 9:30am-1:45pm. All preschool-5th graders are welcome to attend. We will spend our time talking about different parables, singing, being crafty, doing some awesome recreation. and putting together something spectacular for Sunday morning. And food...there will be food, but please pack a sack lunch. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Renee Reimer at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org.

MCC School Kits: School supplies are inexpensive and easy to find at this time of year, so take the opportunity to fill a few Mennonite Central Committee school kits the next time you're at the store. Cloth bags and supply lists are available outside the west entry to the Sanctuary. Please return the completed bags to the church by September 1 and they will be delivered to MCC in North Newton. They are given to students displaced by natural disasters or war or struggling to afford schooling. Last year more than 125,000 kits were sent to children in countries such as Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Serbia, Lebanon, Ukraine, Haiti and El Salvador.

The contents of each kit are:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 10.5" and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

A variety of **small pieces of the lumber** used to create the pulpit are available. Many of the pieces are too small for practical building use but show the range of color visible in the completed pulpit. Examples are here for viewing after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Those who may want a piece of the historic tree harvested many years ago can make selections at this time. As the remaining wood is sorted and evaluated, there will be additional opportunities for individuals to claim some more of the material by donation and for personal use. If you have questions or have a special need for some of the maple, contact Steve Goeke.

Youth Update

Rainbow Mennonite Senior High youth group **2015-2016 kick-off retreat** will take place at Camp Mennoscah on August 7th-9th. Let's have some fun eating s'mores, swimming in the pool, running around camp, hanging out together, and talking about what our mission statement means to us (worship, serve, learn, community).

Staff Updates:

We are **currently searching** for someone to fill the temporary Sexton position while the Personnel Committee and Trustees investigate restructuring the position. The temporary person may apply for the permanent position but will be considered along with other applicants once the new permanent position has been created. Please contact Ruth Harder or Nancy Grittmann by Monday, July 20 if you are interested. We hope to fill this temporary staff position as soon as possible.

Freedom School Update

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Freedom School Individual Giving Campaign! 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.

This Week

Thursday	July 23	Freedom School Finale	6:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	July 24	SCR Board Meeting	8:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	July 26	Congregational Meeting	11:00 am
Saturday	August 1	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am