

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 13, 2016

**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 **David Stewart and Dave Schrag**. Our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and George Melby**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Dawn Araujo-Hawkins and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

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The Bethel College Concert Choir will have a major role in worship next Sunday, Palm Sunday. Please note that there will be a **noon potluck** for the congregation, the choir, and guests, so bring plenty of food and your own table service. During worship next week there will not be a time for announcements so please submit any and all announcements to the office for print.

*"Conversations along the Way"*

Dennis Koehn is coming through Kanas City for a brief stop enroute back to the Chicago area. He recently described his faith Journey as a "Pilgrimage of a Mennonite Buddhist Unitarian." This is an open invitation for lunch and conversation on **Wednesday 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm** at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Pizza/ beverage will be provided. Reservations required for planning: Call Bob or Phyllis Carlson if you'd like to attend (913-894-9408).

There will be a **Whitmore park workday on Saturday, March 19 at 8 am** to get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Save the date!** Our next congregational meeting will take place after the noon potluck Sunday, April 17. A special feature of our time together on the 17th will include recognizing Rachel Hostetler and her work with us as Community Services Coordinator and Freedom School Executive Director. There will also be a community-wide open-house in her honor the evening of the 17th from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

## All are invited to take part in the following Lenten services and events:

- **Lenten Vespers** will occur in the Sanctuary every Sunday evening during Lent at 5 pm. The songs, readings, prayers, candles, and silence that make up this contemplative service provide us a chance to be further reflective during this season of Lent.
- **Maundy Thursday Agape Meal with Communion March 24** from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office.
- **Good Friday vigil (March 25)** The Sanctuary and Sunflower Room will be open from 9am-9pm for individual reflection and prayer.
- **The annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **Saturday, March 26** at 10:30 am 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, March 25

1:00 pm - Boil eggs

6:30pm - Color eggs (100 dozen)

### Saturday, March 26

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 150-200 children participating, monitor play in park

11:30am - Clean-up

Look for the **sign-up sheet** in the Fellowship Hall today or contact Terry Rouse at [trbikerke@gmail.com](mailto:trbikerke@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

## Youth Updates

**Jr highers** are invited to come celebrate the end (or maybe the start for some) of spring break on Sunday, March 20th for the jr high breakfast. See you bright and early at 8:30am!

There will be a **sr high lunch** discussion on Sunday, March 20th at 11am. A potluck will be enjoyed after our brief discussion!

Sr high youth interested in attending **the learning experience** to Montana, June 4th-12th, will need to RSVP to Renee with their \$100 nonrefundable deposit **by April 3rd**. Please let Renee know if you have any questions about the trip.

There will be a **lock-in for jr high youth** on Friday, March 25th. Festivities will begin at 6pm with dinner and egg dyeing for the community wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Parents can plan to pick up their youth late Saturday morning.

There will be a **youth mentor/mentee** luncheon on Sunday, April 3rd beginning at noon. New mentor pairs will have a brief orientation to the program. Current mentor and mentees are invited to attend as a way to catch up with one another and talk with other mentor and mentee pairs. Pizza will be provided for all mentor pairs.

**Sr high youth** have the opportunity to attend the **Mennonite Central Committee Sale** April 8th-9th. If you are interested in experiencing German food, a live auction, a gigantic slide, and other homemade goodies please email Renee at [renee@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:renee@rainbowmennonite.org) with the earliest time you are able to leave on Friday, April 8th. We will plan to be back in Kansas City on Saturday, April 9th around supper time.

### Staff Updates

Interim Building Manager Scott Weast will be out of the office March 12-19.

Youth Program Director Renee Reimer will be out of the office March 10-18.

The church office will be closed on Monday March 14.

### This Week

Sunday	March 13	Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Wednesday	March 16	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		<i>Conversations along the Way</i>	12:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	March 18	Whitmore Park Workday	8:00 am

### Next Week

Sunday	March 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Potluck with Bethel Choir	12:00 pm
		Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Wednesday	March 23	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 24	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
Friday	March 25	Good Friday Vigil	9:00 am
		Boil Eggs	1:00 pm
		Color eggs	6:30 pm
		Jr High Lockin	6:00 pm
Saturday	March 26	Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am

## **Spring Adult Education Classes:**

### **Jesus and His Jewish Influences .....Room 111**

This class consists of lecture videos by Jodi Magness, Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The lectures address questions such as:

- How was early Judaism markedly different from the Rabbinic Judaism practiced today?
- What kind of world did early Jewish sects envision, and how does Jesus's world view relate to theirs?
- How did events like the Babylonian exile and the reign of Herod the Great affect the development of Judaism up to Jesus's time?
- What did it mean to be a Jew in ancient Israel? What did it mean for Jesus?

### **The Wired Word .....Library**

*The Wired Word* uses current headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. On Thursday of each week, a lesson will be emailed to the facilitators with the appropriate scriptural texts and questions for discussion. The facilitators can email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class. Participants can also join in the discussion without having read the lesson since it will be based on a current topic.

### ***We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride..... Wesley Room**

An immigrant boy whose family is struggling to assimilate. A middle-aged housewife coping with an imploding marriage and a troubled son. A social worker at home in the darker corners of Las Vegas. A wounded soldier recovering from an injury he can't remember getting. By the time we realize how these voices will connect, the impossible and perhaps the unbearable has already happened. *We Are Called to Rise* is a boomtown tale, in which the lives of people from different backgrounds and experiences collide in a stunning coincidence. When presented the opportunity to sink into despair, these characters rise. Emotionally powerful yet tender and intimate, *We Are Called to Rise* is a novel of redemption and unexpected love.

### **Why Christian.....Sunflower Room**

The Why Christian class will be a time of further discussion around the question Why (why not) Christian? We will be utilizing material from the Why Christian conference that was held in Minneapolis, MN in September by Nadia Bolz-Weber and Rachel Held Evans. At the conference, several women shared their perspective on Why Christian, from young seminary graduates to ordained priests. We will be watching some of their speeches plus hearing from some of our own.