

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 6, 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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. 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 **Amy Kliewer and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Everyone is invited to attend the **Variety Show Extravaganza THIS EVENING**. Doors open at 6pm. The youth will be raising funds which will go towards the jr high service week and sr high learning experience happening this summer. Snacks and desserts will be provided. Last year was a hit, Alyssa Bennett Smith said, "That's probably the hardest I've ever laughed in church!" Hope to see you all there!

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday string band music with Jesse, Ruth, Gail and Steve March 8, 2016 from 7-9 pm. Bring your friends, neighbors, and instruments! We play homemade music suitable for front porches, living rooms, auditoriums, sanctuaries and other places people gather. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of homemade pizza and games with Freedom School families. We are looking for **two volunteers to help Terry Rouse make the pizza** during the afternoon. In addition, we will need volunteers to help with set-up, cutting the fruit, serving food, playing board games with kids and clean-up. This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee and is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

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.
- **Palm Sunday (March 20)** led by the Bethel College Concert Choir, followed by a noon potluck.
- **Good Friday vigil (March 25)** The Sanctuary and Sunflower Room will be open from 9am-9pm for individual reflection and prayer.
- **Easter egg decorating Friday, March 25** at 6:30 pm.
- **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 this Sunday or contact Terry Rouse if you're interested in volunteering.

It is time for our youth to consider attending summer camp at Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. **If you need financial assistance with Mennonite camp registration costs**, contact Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org) or Deacon chair Laura Schmidt.

A note from Duane Graber, board member of Sharing Community in Rosedale:

Help raise funds for Freedom School! Sporting KC (professional soccer team) is looking for volunteers to run concessions on Wednesday, April 13 and Sunday, July 3. The amount of money that we earn for Freedom School is based on the number of volunteers we recruit and how much is sold. Each volunteer will be expected to be at the game four hours prior to the start of the game (6-7 hour commitment in all). Volunteers are also expected to attend a required five-hour training on Saturday, April 9. This training is good for three years and they have a training every month, so if you cannot make the April training, there are other options.

This is a fundraising project that could be ongoing, and a great way to raise funds for Freedom School! If you are interested, please contact me. Please give it thoughtful consideration. It is time consuming for the training, but once that is behind us we could work together at the stadium and raise money for a great project.

Rainbow **recently signed a contract** with consultant Joy Skjegstad to help us develop a clearer focus and strategy for our community ministry and outreach programs, especially in light of Rachel Hostetler's resignation as Community Services Coordinator, as well as new developments within Sharing Community in Rosedale, Inc. Joy will be on-site May 6-7, 2016. She will lead us in a facilitated congregational discussion on Friday, May 6, 6-8:30 pm. All are invited. Meetings with Joy are also scheduled for Saturday, May 7 between RMC Church Council and SCR Board. More details will be forthcoming.

This Week

Sunday	March 6	Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
		Youth Variety Show	6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 8	Tuesday Tunes	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 9	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 10	Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
		Family Game Night	6:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	March 13	Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Wednesday	March 16	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

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 WordLibrary

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.