

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 1, 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 **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 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores**.

Closer: Scott Weast

Please pray for...

- Joe Duerksen as he recovers at Brookdale Rehab in Overland Park.
- Joseph, Sara, and Liliana Mwangura as they prepare to move to Fargo, North Dakota this coming summer (either June or July). Joseph will be entering a graduate program at North Dakota State University and Sara is still discerning her work options. We give thanks to God for their time here at Rainbow!
- Noah and Fonda Briles, Jonathan Briles, and Mike Peters and Lois Briles as they grieve the sudden death of Lois' nephew Matthew Briles of Kansas City. A celebration of life service was held on April 15.
- Jerry Jantz's daughter Kimber Martin as she continues to recover at home.

Today there will be a **card shower/reception** during fellowship time for Sharon Franz Parker and David Morford in celebration of their upcoming wedding on May 28.

On Sunday May 15, there will be a **reception** for this year's high school seniors in the fellowship hall following the church service. There will be cake and the opportunity to visit with this year's graduates – Anna McGuire and Carl Dean Yarwood.

Do you have a graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming '**Rainbow Graduate List**' on May 15. Please provide their name and current school (and their degree, if applicable) to the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org or 913.236.8820.

A day of Bach! The Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists hosts a Bach marathon every year (we call it Bachathon). The 35th annual Bachathon takes TODAY from 2:00-7:00 pm at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. It's free! Come for 15 minutes or stay for the whole day. Music Ministries Director Rosi Penner Kaufman is accompanying the Scola Cantorum, conducted by Anthony Maglione, in a motet at 6:15.

Youth Updates

The **final youth group** of the school year will be happening TONIGHT from 6-8pm. Jr high and Sr high youth are all invited to come hungry! We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

All **jr high youth** are invited to the final breakfast of the school year on Sunday, May 15th at 8:30am. Breakfast will be provided and we will be meeting in the jr high Sunday School classroom.

The **last sr high** lunch discussion will be on Sunday, May 15th from 11:00am-12:30pm. Lunch will be provided and we will be discussing the question, "Does God endorse violence?"

This Friday, May 6 from 6-8:30 pm, consultant Joy Skjegstad will facilitate an evening session open to all congregants. We will:

- Share our outreach-related commitments, interests, and concerns
- Learn more about the strategic plan of Sharing Community in Rosedale, Inc
- Identify outreach priorities and opportunities

Pizza will be available starting at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to eat.

On Saturday, May 7 from 9 am-3 pm, selected representatives from RMC and SCR will meet for a facilitated day of discussion and planning. Our main agenda is to clarify the relationship between SCR and RMC including governance structure, use of the church facility, ownership of programs, staffing role and structure, fundraising, communication, and involvement of church members as volunteers with SCR.

A special congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday May 15**, immediately following Sunday school. Roger Neufeld Smith, a consultant from Western District Conference, will be here to introduce and discuss the three-year pastoral review for Ruth Harder scheduled to begin May 15 and continue through June 5. Please plan to attend this brief informational meeting! If you have questions please contact Deacon chair Laura Schmidt or Moderator Bob Campbell.

We are planning to add a **hearing assistance system** in the sanctuary in the near future. In order to have enough receivers available we would like to get a count of how many people would use the system. In addition the system comes with the option of using headphones or if you have hearing aids with a t coil, it has a neck loop that can transmit directly to your hearing aids. Please contact Terry Rouse at trbikerke@gmail.com or 816.810.0987 and let him know you want a receiver and whether you want headphones or a t coil neck loop.

The East Hill Singers will be performing this afternoon at Grace United Methodist Church (11485 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061). The concert begins at 4 pm, with an art show before the performance at 3 pm.

This Week

Sunday	May 1	Youth Education Meeting	10:50 am
		Jr/Sr High Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	May 3	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	May 6	Strategic Planning	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 7	SCR/RMC Planning	9:00 am

Next Week

Wednesday	May 11	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 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 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.