

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 12, 2017

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.

Today's ushers are **John Mueller and David Becker**. Our greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, need a hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Stan and Carol Buller and Brianna Yoder**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Please keep Elden Grittman, Brad Grittman's father, **in your prayers** as he is receiving hospice care.

During the season of Lent the Rainbow community is invited to participate in **My Coins Count**, a Mennonite Central Committee project designed to collect all types of coins to raise funds for food and water projects all around the world. Each week children will collect coins from the congregation following Children's Time. Sr high youth will take Rainbow's collection of coins to the MCC Sale in Hutchinson on April 7th-8th. Start collecting your coins now and bring them to church.

Notice something that **needs to be fixed** in the church? You can now fill out an online form for maintenance requests! It will be housed in the members only section of the website and paper copies will be available in the copy room.

The vacant lot at the corner of Southwest Blvd and Mill Street is about to be transformed into **an orchard** to help provide fresh fruit for Freedom school children as well as those from the neighborhood who help maintain it. Join the Rainbows in Rosedale group planting a variety of trees and bushes on Thursday March 30. We will meet for lunch at noon and plant from 1 till 4 pm. For more information or to volunteer contact rainbows.in.rosedale@gmail.com or Terry Rouse at 816.810.0987.

Join us for these Lenten Events

- **Join us at 6 pm each Wednesday in Lent** (through April 5) for a contemplative time of centering prayer, music, and readings. For those who wish to arrive earlier for individual prayer and reflection, the sanctuary will be open starting at 5:30 pm for quiet reflection, with music beginning at 5:50, and the service officially beginning at 6 pm and lasting approximately 30-40 minutes.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 13 from 6:30-8 pm** (Fellowship Hall): A gathering of communion and supper around tables. Please RSVP (office@rainbowmennonite.org)
- **Easter egg boiling and decorating, April 14 at 6:30 pm:** Everyone is invited to help boil and color the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will begin to boil the eggs at 1 pm and decorate them at 6:30 pm. Signups for this event will take place mid-March.
- **Easter egg hunt, April 15 at 10:30 am** (Whitmore Park)
- **Easter Sunrise Service, April 16th at 7:00am:** This service will take place outside in the Rainbow Garden and will feature theatrical scripture readings, music, and a communion of seed planting in the garden. A free breakfast will be provided following the service.

The Mennonite Church USA biennial convention this summer will be held in Orlando, FL. Our Rainbow delegates will be **Renee Reimer and Duane Graber**. We also congratulate **Andrew Moore** on his selection as a Step Up junior delegate. The Step Up program is a new way in which MCUSA is encouraging high school youth representation in delegate sessions. Through two interactive seminar sessions, Step Up representatives will receive preparation in advance, and debriefing after attending delegate sessions at an assigned round table discussion group. Renee, Duane and Andrew will be joined by three youth sponsors (Katie Dyck, Aaron Dyck, and Natasha VanDyke) and six high school youth (Liberty Brigman, Marina Kaufman, Emma and Joel Campbell, Brianna Yoder, and Hannah Schrag). Nick Schroeder and Melissa Funk and their family will also be in attendance, doing some convention volunteering. If anyone else plans to be in attendance, please send a note to the church office.

Youth Updates

The next jr high breakfast is Sunday, March 19th beginning at 8:30am. Come for a delicious breakfast, stay for the energizing wake-up call!

Sr high lunch discussion is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th from 11:00am-12:30pm. We will be voting on the new t-shirt design and coordinating the silent auction. Come so your voice is heard!

Staff Updates

This announcement comes by way of Rainbow Personnel Committee and Sharing Community in Rosedale Board:

We simultaneously announce the resignation of **Ashton Wells** as Rainbow's Church Administrator, as well as Ashton's acceptance of the full-time Sharing Community in Rosedale Executive Director role. This is an occasion for us to say thank you to Ashton for her contributions and dedication as Rainbow Church Administrator. It is also a time to welcome and congratulate her in this new role and new career endeavor. In other words, while she is switching roles and organizations, she is not "leaving."

Ashton's last day as Rainbow Church Administrator will be March 31, with part-time work for SCR beginning already March 20. The Rainbow Personnel Committee will start a job search for a new full-time Church Administrator immediately. The posting of the position is available on the Rainbow homepage at www.rainbowmennonite.org.

We, as leaders within SCR and RMC, join together in thanking Ashton for her years of dedicated and energetic service. In closing, here is a note of gratitude from Ashton: "I am so thankful for this position, your confidence and work with me, and for everything that Rainbow has offered me. I have loved working for this church and am excited that I will get to continue to work so closely with the church in my new position."

Youth and Outreach Ministries Director Renee Reimer will be out of the office (and country!) through Wednesday March 15.

Music Ministries Director Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office Tuesday March 14-Friday March 17.

March 5

Attendance.....	141
Visitors (included in attendance count)	1

This Week

Tuesday	March 14	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	March 15	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Lenten Taizé Service (music at 5:50)	6:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	March 19	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:45 am
Tuesday	March 21	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	March 22	Lenten Taizé Services (music at 5:50)	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

There will be one joint Adult Ed Class during Lent.

Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40!.....Sanctuary

The 40 day period of Lent (not including Sundays) seems like a good time to learn more about the 40-year history of Sharing Community in Rosedale (SCR), Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS), and Whitmore Park. In keeping with our Lenten garden theme, many people have done the hard work of clearing, digging, planting, and watering over the decades. How might these initiatives continue to thrive in the future? Join us as we learn about the first 40 years and imagine the next 40. March 12 will feature SCR, March 19 and 26 will feature MVS, and the final two Sundays will feature Whitmore Park.