

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 19, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. Our greeters are **Peggy Coriell and Lori Lichty**. 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 Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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**Please pray** for Bruce, Sandy, Holly, and Jill Wetzel as Bruce's mother Marpyne Wetzel passed away on Thursday.

Please continue to pray for Tracy Long and her family as Tracy begins Hospice care this week.

Next Sunday Stanley Green, Mennonite Mission Network Executive Director, will be our guest preacher.

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.

Interested in joining the **park committee**? Join us for our meeting today at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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](mailto:rainbows.in.rosedale@gmail.com) or Terry Rouse at 816.810.0987.

### **Join us for these Lenten/Easter 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](mailto: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.

**Join us for a Whitmore Park workday on April 8 at 8 am** to get the park ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! We are in need of wheel barrows, wood scoop shovels, leaf vacs, garden rakes, and people to help out.

**Save the date! Our spring congregational meeting will be on Palm Sunday, April 9.** We will begin promptly after Sunday School. Note that agenda items will include an update on Mennonite Voluntary Service and Sharing Community in Rosedale, as well as some proposed constitutional changes that will need congregational approval. Instead of having a potluck, the Social Committee is looking for a few volunteers to supply some light snacks (meat, crackers, cheese, and fruit). Please email the church office if you are willing to provide these food items.

## Staff Update

Church Administrator Ashton Wells will be part time for the following two weeks. She will be in the office from 10 am to 2 pm.

## Youth Updates

Sr high lunch discussion today 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!

**Jr high and sr high** youth service day is Sunday, March 26th from 12-4pm. Lunch will be provided. We will be working with Aaron in the Rainbow garden so please bring work clothes!

**Please mark your calendars to join us for lunch with your mentor / youth after Sunday School on April 23rd!** This will be an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and midweek news. *Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Renee Reimer ([reneer@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:reneer@rainbowmennonite.org)) so she knows how much pizza to purchase.*

## March 12

Attendance.....	110
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	3

Remember Rainbow has online giving! Just go to [rainbowmennonite.org](http://rainbowmennonite.org) and you can set up a one time or recurring donation by clicking on the “online giving” tab.

**This Week**

Sunday	March 19	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:45 am
		Park 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

**Next Week**

Sunday	March 26	Youth Service Day	12:00 pm
Tuesday	March 28	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	March 29	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Lenten Taizé Service (music at 5:50)	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 30	Orchard Planting	1:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 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.