

*Rainbow Mennonite Church*  
*Part of the Sharing Community in Rosedale*  
Newsnotes — May 3, 2009

**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.

**Our ushers today are Darin Penner, Dave Schrag, and Markus Groebner. Our greeters are Clyde and Peggy Coriell.** Please check with one of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if you have questions about locations of Sunday school classes or restrooms.

**Nursery** — a nursery located on the second floor of the education wing is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. **Today's workers are Cynthia and Darin Kaufman and Jill Wetzel.**

**This Week\***

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| Today | MVS Board meeting    | 12:00pm |
|       | Playground Committee | 12:00pm |

**Next Week\***

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| Sun   | May 10 | Goertz Organ Recital                 | 4:00pm |
| Tues  | May 12 | Singing Quakers – Friends University | 7:00pm |
| Thurs | May 14 | Deacons meeting                      | 7:00pm |

\*See the complete church calendar at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org).

Many, if not all of us, have had persons other than our parents who nurtured us and helped form us into the persons we have become. This year, **the focus of the worship service on May 10** will be on remembering and honoring these persons. **If you'd be willing to share your story during the service**, contact Robert by this Wednesday.

The **Personnel Committee is pleased to announce** that Rachel Hostetler has accepted the position of Rainbow Mennonite Church Community Service Coordinator, beginning June 15. She has her Master in Social Work degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Bethel College in North Newton. Rachel comes to us from San Francisco where she's worked with seniors, persons with dementia, and family caregivers. She's been an active part of the First Mennonite Church of San Francisco, as well as serving on a support committee for the Mennonite Voluntary Service Unit. —Carmen Shelly, Claire Zehner, Susan Kysela, Robert Kaufman

**Summer Sunday School Teachers:** The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday school this summer. So that we can give our regular teachers a break, we're seeking anyone who'd like to spend a Sunday or two teaching a class. There are six sessions, running May 31 through July 12 (skipping July 4); teaching materials are provided. If you're interested in teaching the young people in our church, contact Mike Horner at 816.756.5508 or [honestmike2000@yahoo.com](mailto:honestmike2000@yahoo.com).

**WELCOME!** Welcome! Join the **new Welcoming Committee**, a volunteer committee supported by Church Council. Members will help determine the scope and charge of this committee. If you would like to help our congregation welcome new people and keep in touch with current friends and members, contact Carmen Shelly at [shellyac@everestkc.net](mailto:shellyac@everestkc.net) or 913.894.5011.

**Sign up to help with child care** at Freedom School Parent Orientation, May 7 (6:00-7:30pm) and May 9 (10:00-11:30am). Volunteers will supervise and play with the children while parents attend a meeting about the program. We need 3 - 5 volunteers for each date. Sign up on the list in Fellowship Hall or contact Joel Smith Goering at [jfgoering@yahoo.com](mailto:jfgoering@yahoo.com) or at 816.510.8244.

**Acoustic Rainbow** returns Friday evening, June 5, for a fun “Coffee House” evening of bluegrass and folk gospel music from 7:30 – 9:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be a benefit event for this year’s Freedom School.

Rainbow is hosting a **special organ recital** next Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day), at 4:00pm. Guest recitalists are Dr. John Obetz and Dr. Ken Walker. Dr. Obetz was heard for many 25 years on his radio program *The Auditorium Organist*. Ken Walker is Director of Music at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission and has served as an accompanist for the East Hills Singers. The recital is presented in memory of Margret Goertz.

The **Singing Quakers from Friends University**, conducted by Mark Bartel, will perform at Rainbow on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00pm. This concert promises to be an experience to long remember.

The church council has appointed a **task force to review the current church governance structure** and make related recommendations later this year. The task force is currently in the research phase of its work and welcomes comments, questions, and inputs from others in the congregation. You may offer your feedback to any of the task force members: Karen Hostetler, Alan Huxman, Eric Jantzen, Kent Moore, and Tanya Ortman. For more information on the task force's charge and work, please also see the church newsletter.

The results are in for last year's **CROP Walk**: Rainbow Mennonite raised the third largest amount of money among churches in the KC metro area (\$3,355), and had the highest online donations (\$1,075). The CROP Walk raises funds to fight poverty, hunger, and disease locally and around the world - your generosity is making a difference.

**Join a Small Group!** We invite everyone to join a small group for 2009-2011. Current small groups will have their final meetings this summer; new groups will be formed and begin meeting this fall. Forms can be found on the table in the Wesley Room. Please return your form to the small group mailbox by May 31. Contact Eric Jantzen, Anna Marie Peterson, Peggy Coriell, or Joy Mills if you have questions.

**Summer music:** The choir gets a well-deserved break during the summer, but this provides an opportunity to hear some of the rest of the wide variety of musical gifts in the congregation. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman to reserve your Sunday!