

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

Part of the Sharing Community in Rosedale

Newsnotes — August 9, 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 Todd McAtee and Heidi Braun; our greeters are John and Jan Albertson.

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 nursery workers are Andrew and Janel Voth and Emma Campbell.**

This Week*

Sun	Aug 9	Open Table Discussion (Wesley Room)	
		MVS Board	12:00pm
Wed	Aug 12	Task Force on Church Structure (Library)	7:00pm
Thurs	Aug 13	Deacons meeting	7:00pm
Sat	Aug 15	Cross-Lines Pancake Breakfast	8:00am

Next Week*

Sun	Aug 16	Open Table Discussion (Wesley Room)	
		Trustees meeting	11:45am
Thurs	Aug 20	Worship Committee	7:00pm

The Education Committee has decided to change the starting date for Sunday School. Instead of August 30th, **Adult Education and Children's Sunday School will start on September 20** (after Labor Day and the church retreat).

As you know, our small congregation does a lot - we count on volunteers to make it all happen. Our **annual volunteer discernment survey** is now underway. Like last year, we are starting the process much earlier than in the past. We also will be following up with phone calls and e-mails to make sure everyone is contacted. Copies of the survey have been put in mailboxes; the survey is also available on the church website. Completed forms can be returned to the survey mailbox (bottom row, on the left).

The **Rainbow Mennonite Retreat** is quickly approaching, so mark your calendars! We will be congregating at YouthFront camp for a weekend of fun and fellowship, September 12-13. See you there!

As I mentioned during the recent quarterly congregational meeting, the Abuse Prevention Policy states that we will have **a list of medical personnel or persons trained in CPR/First Aid** in the First Aid Kit in the Sunday School wing. We are creating a list of people who are willing to be available should it be necessary. If you are interested and have not already been contacted, please let me know. A list of volunteers will be placed inside the first aid kit; please note that there will not be phone numbers or email addresses with it as it is only intended to give people an idea of who to go to in the church for assistance. Please email me if you are willing to be added to the list. —Karla Leuenberg

In order to implement the Abuse Prevention Policy recently passed by Council, another Abuse Prevention Training will be held after church on Sunday, August 23rd. This is a *repeat* of the training on June 21st. All adults in the congregation are invited to attend. Adults that volunteer in the nursery, teach children / youth Sunday School or lead Youth Groups are especially encouraged to attend.

Articles and information for the **September/October issue *Rose of Sharin*' newsletter** are due by August 20. Please email them to office@rainbowmennonite.org or put them in the office mailbox.

The 3rd Annual **Cross-Lines Pancake Breakfast** will be Saturday, August 15, 8:00 – 11:00am at Zion United Church of Christ (2711 N. 72nd Street, Kansas City, KS 66105). Ticket prices will be \$5 in advance; \$6 at the door (family tickets for four or more are available for \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door). Come enjoy breakfast and help support this very important fundraiser. Monies raised benefit Cross-Lines Christmas Store. For tickets (or to volunteer for this great event!), contact Dennis or Annie Jones, Bernita Boyts, or Becky Bartel.

The first day of school is quickly approaching! Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invites you to **partner with communities** around the world to help them make education accessible for their children. Donate an MCC School Kit (visit <http://mcc.org/kits/school/>) or become a Global Family sponsor (<http://mcc.org/globalfamily>). For more information, visit the websites listed or call 316.283.2720 and ask for Irma or Elizabeth.

Upcoming Sunday Events

- August 9 and 16 – Open Table discussion – Event Task Force
- August 23 – Abuse Prevention Policy training
- August 30 – Sunday School classes begin
- September 6 – No Sunday School classes (Labor Day weekend)
- September 13 – Church Retreat (No worship service)
- September 20 – Small Group Kick-Off
- September 27 – MVS 30th Anniversary Celebration