

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 16, 2014

**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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**; our greeters are **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. 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. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Stan and Carol Buller, Katelyn Huxman**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

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New Adult Education classes begin **TODAY**. Please see the purple handout for the different options. These can be found at both entrances to the sanctuary.

**Today the youth will gather** for games, hangout time, and homemade pizza. We can carpool to the house after church (or meet us there at 12:30, the address is 1134 Hasbrook Avenue, Kansas City, KS) and then parents can pick kids up at 3:30. There will be food, games, guitars, and good times for everybody! Contact Alyssa Smith for more information.

**Tonight** Ruth will be reading scripture at the Argentine Mennonite Church Lenten service starting at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 3701 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS.

**Lenten Taizé** worship services will be held at 5:45 pm every Wednesday of Lent through April 16. Following the Taizé service, everyone is invited to join the choir for baked potatoes.

**Dr. J. Denny Weaver**, author of the new book, “The Nonviolent God” will preach and lead Adult Education at Rainbow on March 30. He will also offer lectures Sunday evening at Rainbow and Monday evening at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. A flyer with more information can be found at both entrances to the sanctuary.

There will be a **Congregational Meal** following Church School on **Sunday, March 30**. The meal will be served by the group traveling to Colombia in June, and donations will be accepted to defray the costs of the trip. We hope you can join us! Those traveling include: Greg and Terri Gaeddert, Todd and Claire Zehner, Ed Neufeld, Carrie Parsons, Kayla Bartel, Hannah Unruh, Roger Navarro, Will Moore, and Jana Graham

### **Staff Updates**

Office Manager **Ashton Wells** will be in Myanmar through March 17 for a pilgrimage for seminary. The office email and voicemail will still be checked regularly. **Church sexton** Jim Williams will be on vacation starting the afternoon of Monday March 17 through Friday March 21.

**Mark your calendars:** The Bethel College Concert Choir will perform at Johnson County Community College Yardley Hall on March 22 at 7:30 pm. They will also sing at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood on Sunday morning, March 23 at 10:45 am. Watch online at [rezonline.org](http://rezonline.org).

Are you interested in **becoming a member at Rainbow** or would you simply like to learn more about Rainbow's history, organizational structure, and how you might get more involved? Or would you like to join in deep philosophical conversation about what church membership even means? Based on the availability of those interested, Pastor Ruth will arrange a get more acquainted with Rainbow and church membership conversation. In the near future she will also be leading a catechism class for those interested in baptism.

Ruth Harder and Jesse Graber invite you to **Family Camp at Mennoscah July 26-27**. There will be canoeing, hiking, music and art-making, drama, and campfires. More information about the weekend including pricing and registration can be found here: <http://campmennoscah.org/retreats/family-camp-intergenerational/>

**Save the Date:** There will be a baby shower for Ryan and Tania Casas Wallace on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00-4:00pm at the church. Ryan and Tania are registered at Target, Babies R Us and Buy Buy Baby. Everyone is invited. For more information contact Anna Marie Peterson or Karen Hostetler.

**Regional/National News**

“Find Your Voice, Write Your Stories” a guided writing workshop for women will be offered at the Hollis Renewal Center, Kansas City, KS on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9 am – 4 pm. The workshop leader is Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, member of Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita and certified Celebrations of Life Legacy Facilitator called a LifeSAGER. Cost: \$100 (includes lunch) Makes a great early Mother’s Day gift! Registration deadline: April 1, 2014. Brochures are available in the west entryway.

**March 9**

Attendance.....	136
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	12

**This Week**

Sunday	March 16	Trustees Meeting	8:00 am
		Youth Event	12:30 pm
Wednesday	March 19	Taizé Service	5:45 pm

**Next Week**

Wednesday	March 26	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Thursday	March 27	Church Council	7:00 pm

\*The complete church calendar is available at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org).

