

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 23, 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 **Robert and Krista Kaufman**; our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Jeff and Emma Janzen and Katelyn Huxman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Tonight Pastor Ruth will participate in the **Argentine area Lenten service** held at Argentine United Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited. The service will begin at 6:00 pm and the church is located at 3801 Strong, 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.

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.

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 the following lectures:

- *John Howard Yoder: his contribution and his troubled legacy* at Rainbow from 6:30-8:00 pm on March 30.
- *Preaching Through Holy Week and Easter Without Doing Violence*, a breakfast conversation at Rainbow from 9-10:30 am on Monday March 31. There is a suggested donation of \$10 and we ask you to RSVP to the church office.
- *The Working of God: Atonement to Nonviolence*, will be held at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, with responding remarks by Dr. Molly Marshall, CBTS President. This lecture will be from 7-8:30 pm on Monday March 31.

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

Rainbow Garden is having its **first workday Saturday, March 29**, from 9 a.m. to noon. A team of teen volunteers will be helping us put in spring crops which we'll harvest in time for Freedom School. We'll have refreshments and wonderful weather (we always do). It will be the best couple of hours you'll spend all week, so plan to join us! — Aaron Barnhart

Interested in learning more about the conflict in Israel and Palestine? Please join me over lunch on April 13th in the fellowship hall for an overview of my recent participation in a Mennonite Church USA delegation to Israel and Palestine. I'll share about my experiences, complete with a few pictures, and then open up time for questions and conversation around this very complicated and tragic conflict. Bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact me at tanyaortman@gmail.com. --Tanya Ortman

Ruth Harder and Jesse Graber will be directing **Family Camp at Mennoscah July 26-27**. There will be canoeing, hiking, music and art-making, drama (of all kinds), 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 and Babies R Us. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Anna Marie Peterson or Karen Hostetler if you plan to attend.

March 16

Attendance.....	112
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 11,879.17
Other Donations	\$ 1,265.23
Total.....	\$ 13,144.40

This Week

Wednesday	March 26	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Thursday	March 27	Church Council	7:00 pm
Saturday	March 29	Garden Work Day	9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	March 30	Congregational Meal	11:45 am
Tuesday	April 1	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 2	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	April 4	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am

*The complete church calendar is available at www.rainbowmennonite.org.

Spring Adult Education Classes

David and Goliath.....Wesley Room

This class is a discussion of the book *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* by Malcolm Gladwell. With a “use what you got” attitude, Gladwell is able to move through history highlighting figures such as Lawrence of Arabia and Martin Luther King Jr, Gladwell is able to illustrate how players labeled as the “underdog” prevail.

The Nonviolent God.....Room 110

This class is a discussion of the book *The Nonviolent God* by Dr. J. Denny Weaver. *The Nonviolent God* explores the positive images that the narrative of Jesus has on Christian living, including nonviolent practices, forgiveness and restorative justice, issues of racism and sexism, and more.

State of Wonder.....Sunflower Room

This class is a discussion of the book *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a novel that follows pharmaceutical researcher Dr. Marina Singh through her journey into the Amazon jungle. This novel is emotional, vivid, and a work of literature that will resonate with readers in the weeks and months to come, *State of Wonder* truly is a thing of beauty and mystery, much like the Amazon jungle itself.

The Wired Word.....Library

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. Each Thursday, lessons are emailed to the facilitators with the scriptural texts and questions for discussion. Lesson materials will be emailed each week.