

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 11, 2015

**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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**; 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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Today we welcome **Dr. Molly Marshall** will be our guest preacher. Dr. Marshall is the president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as the professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation. She has been recognized for breaking the "stained glass ceiling" for her work in ministry and is the first female president of CBTS. Following the worship service, Dr. Marshall will join the worship response group.

Today, following the education hour, there will be a **lunch conversation** hosted by Alyssa Bennett Smith. Alyssa Bennett Smith recently attended the Fabulous, Fierce and Sacred gathering of LGBTQIA+ Anabaptists. Bring your own lunch for a presentation of her experience and a discussion about what we can do to welcome this community to Kansas City during the Mennonite Church USA Convention next July.

**Save the Date:** There will be an annual business congregational meeting on Sunday January 25 following the noon potluck. The Annual Report and agenda will be available next Sunday, January 18.

Interested in **becoming a member** of Rainbow? Please notify Ruth or the Ashton in the Church Office.

Please pray for...

- **Linda Emory** who is receiving medical care at Delmar Gardens due to a broken ankle.
- **Renee Reimer**, as her grandmother Susie (Baerg) Epp died on Wednesday January 7th, 2015 at the age of 97.
- **Josephine Medina's, Jessica, and William Custer** whose grandfather passed away peacefully at his home on January 2, 2015.

### **WOMEN: SAVE THE DATE!**

Several women have been interested in starting a lunch restaurant group. We are proposing a lunch meeting on Thursday, January 15, 11:00 a.m. at First Watch, 11112 Shawnee Mission Parkway. (North side, between Quivera and Nieman Rd.) Under discussion would be place, day of week, expectations, frequency of meeting and other details. In order to reserve a place, please RSVP by January 8 to Bonnie Beachey or Phyllis Carlson. We welcome your feedback.

The Kansas **Mennonite Disaster Service** Annual State Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18, at 2pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. Please contact Eric Jantzen for more information.

**KC 2015!** Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly will take place June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City. **Registration opens January 15.** For more information, see [www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention).

### **Staff updates**

Ruth has been invited to assist with the funeral of Barbara Williams scheduled for January 31 at 2:00 pm at Country Club Christian Church in KC. Barbara's sister Rachel Epp Goosen is a former member of Rainbow and is a cousin to Janet VanDyke and Becky Bartel.

### **Youth Updates**

The **senior high lunch** that was scheduled for today has been canceled.

**Attention Jr. High:** We will be having a Junior High Ice Skating evening at Crown Center Ice Skating Terrace TODAY from 6-8pm. Please plan to drop-off and pick-up your child at the Ice Skating terrace. If you have ice skates feel free to bring them! Look for Natasha by the front of the Ice Skating Terrace. If you have trouble finding us Natasha's cell is 913-636-7800.

**John Bell coming to Kansas City February 20-21!** John Bell is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland and member of the Iona Community. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars all over the world and across many denominations, retaining a primary passion for congregational song. (Our green *Sing the Journey* songbook includes many hymns composed by Bell.) Please contact the church office if you would like to join others from Rainbow in attending one or both of these events: 1) 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening, "God's People Find Their Voice," Helzberg Hall of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts; 2) 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning, "Gifts of the Global Church" and 10:30 a.m. "Rediscovering the Psalms" at Village Presbyterian Church. For more information go to the Kauffman Center website.

**This Week**

Sunday	January 11	Sack lunch with Alyssa	12:00 pm
		Jr High Ice Skating	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 14	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	January 15	Women's Lunch Group	11:00 am

**Next Week**

Sunday	January 18	Youth Ed. Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
Monday	January 19	Office Closed	All Day
Wednesday	January 21	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	January 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

## ***Winter Education Classes***

### ***The Book of Forgiving*.....Library**

A discussion of *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* is written by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu, offering a manual on the art of forgiveness—helping us to realize that we are all capable of healing and transformation.

### ***Why I Am an Atheist Who Believes in God*..... Room 110**

This class will discuss *Why I am an Atheist Who Believes in God: How to Give Love, Create Beauty, and Find Peace* by Frank Schaeffer. Schaeffer once stood near the top of conservative Christian evangelicalism but is now one of its strongest critics. He is an “atheist” who still talks to Jesus—in spite of everything.

### ***Worship Response Group*.....Pastor’s Office**

This will be an opportunity to discuss the purpose and experience of worship at Rainbow. We will consider questions such as “What helped us worship today? What interfered with our worship? What inspiration, challenge, question will you take with you this week?”

### ***The Wired Word*.....Sunflower Room**

This week's discussion will use the story about a man in Oklahoma who goes on trial in federal court this month for allegedly helping people to lie. Douglas Williams, owner of the website Polygraph.com, is charged with witness tampering, obstruction and mail fraud which stem from his teaching people how pass polygraph tests. We will use this story to discuss "Truth and honesty." Join us to share your thoughts on this topic. You're welcome whether you have studied the lesson or not.