

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 25, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**; our greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Cynthia Kaufman, Carrie Parsons, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

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Please be **in prayer** for Janet and Steve Bartel as Janet's father, Walter Cade, passed away on Thursday morning.

There will be a congregational meeting **TODAY** following the noon potluck. Childcare will be available in the nursery. The Annual Report and agenda are available today and on the church website in the member section.

**New(ish) to Rainbow?** Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday, February 15 from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow. Please RSVP to the church office ([office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)) by February 12.

**Kids Night Out** is back with a brand new twist! Rainbow kids, grades K-5th, are invited to a night out at the church on Friday, February 13th from 5-9pm. Renee Reimer, youth, and crew will be hosting games, activities, and adventures. Please RSVP to Renee at [renee@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:renee@rainbowmennonite.org)

Mike Peters will be the speaker at the **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum on January 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Event Center at Donnelly College, 608 N. 18th Street, KCK. He will speak on the topic of "How to Get Unstuck: Getting Back on Track With Your Passion." Mike is a life coach and owner of InterAction Personal and Professional Coaching as well as a psychotherapist, workshop presenter and speaker. [For details and to register, click here.](#) There is no charge, but we'd like to know how many to plan for. Contact Karen Hostetler with questions at karenh@sckck or (913) 485-0975.

**Last call** for directory updates! A copy of the updated directory will be in the fellowship hall following service. Please note any changes as we will be printing the new directory in the next week.

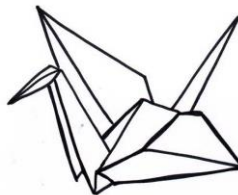
### **Staff updates**

Following the congregational meeting today, Ruth will be traveling to Elkhart, IN, for Pastors Week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (January 26-29). For pastoral care concerns please call Debra Sapp-Yarwood (816-584-8630).

### **Youth Updates**

**Senior High:** Jan and Lonnie have graciously opened up their house to the Senior High youth group on Friday, January 30th from 6:30-8:30pm for soup, snacks, and hot tubing. Bring a clean suit if you are interested in getting in the hot tub, if you are not there will be plenty of other games and activities to participate in!

**Attention children!** There is a gold paper crane somewhere at the front of the sanctuary. Can you find it? This is an exercise in paying attention, and it is a reminder for us all to be on the lookout for how God is moving and present within creation.



**Budget and Debt counseling:** Are you facing financial struggles you feel you cannot overcome or are you interested in better understanding your financial situation? A service sponsored by **Everence** provides counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, as well as mortgage and credit score education at no cost. Call toll free: (877) 809-0039, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., EST. For Spanish language counselors call 800-388-2227. Brochures are available behind the name tags in the west foyer.

**This Week**

Sunday	January 25	Congregational Potluck and Meeting	12:00 pm
Wednesday	January 28	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	January 30	Sr High at the Buerge's	6:30 pm
Saturday	January 31	Deacons Retreat	8:30 am
		Know Jesus	10:30 am

**Next Week**

Tuesday	February 3	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 4	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
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		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 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**

The Wired Word discussion will be based on the terrorist attack on the French Charlie Hebdo magazine. We will talk about how this incident reflects the clash of worldviews. Whether you have read the lesson or not, you are welcome to join the discussion.