

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 1, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**; our greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Kendric and Michelle Beachey and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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Please pray for Leah Bartel Schwarz, as her grandfather Roland Earl Isaak died on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 76. A memorial service was held on January 25th at Aberdeen First Mennonite Church in Aberdeen, Idaho.

There will be a **Taizé** service next Wednesday, February 4. Taizé services center around prayer, readings, silence, and singing, and are a form of community worship that allow for personal spiritual reflection. They are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Also, please join us for a meal after the service in the fellowship hall.

**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)

**REQUEST FOR MEALS** - Please consider providing a meal for the Gary & Tracy Long family. Tracy begins chemo treatments on February 4th and there are 5 adults to feed. You can help by going to Take Them A Meal website to sign-up. ([takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com)) Please type in the Last Name: **LONG** Password: **1234**. The hope is to provide meals Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday's each week.

**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.

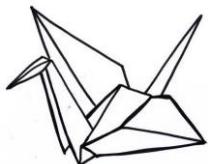
**Staff:** Ruth will be at Western District Conference offices in North Newton all day Thursday, January 4 for a required training for pastors called "Prevention of Clergy Misconduct."

### **Youth Updates**

This weekend a group of jr high youth from Rainbow is in Hesston, KS for **Know Jesus**. Jr highers across Western District are gathered to learn about their Anabaptist roots, make with new friends, and fellowship together.

**Senior high** youth group lunch will be held on Sunday, February 8th after Sunday School. Lunch will be provided and we will be eating upstairs in the youth rooms!

**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.



**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.

**This Week**

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

**Next Week**

Sunday	February 8	Sr High Youth Group	12:00 pm
Wednesday	February 11	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	February 13	Kids Night Out	5:00 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**  
The Wired Word discussion will be based on the controversy over the deflated footballs with the New England Patriots titled “Dealing with our own deflate-gates.”