

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 17, 2016

**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 **Laura Schmidt and George Melby**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Ashton Wells and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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This morning **we welcome Rabbi Moti Rieber!** Reb Moti has served as Executive Director of Kansas Interfaith Action and its predecessor organization, Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, since March of 2011. He is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. A life-long activist on peace, social justice, and environmental issues, Reb Moti brings a variety of pulpit, interfaith, and organizational experience to the work of Kansas Interfaith Action. Reb Moti and his wife, Suzy, live with their three children in Overland Park.

During the **adult education hour**, all are invited to the sanctuary for a presentation by Rabbi Moti Rieber. There will be no other classes during this hour.

Please **pray** for...

- Bonnie Beachey and her family as Bonnie receives care this weekend at Lakeview Village in Lenexa.
- Bob Campbell and his family as Bob's father passed away last Friday. Services were held in Canada this weekend.
- Joe Duerksen as he recovers at home from a recent back injury.
- Argentine Mennonite Church in Kansas City as they install Sandeep Thomas as their pastor on January 24. Flowers will be sent from Rainbow Mennonite to Argentine Mennonite as a way of showing our love and support.

**Wedding Celebration!** We will celebrate the coming wedding of Ed Neufeld and Sherie Sarbaugh with a card shower in the fellowship hall today between church and Sunday school. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.

**Baby Shower!** Jake and Kelsy Allison will soon be parents, making Gary and Tracy Long grandparents! Come and celebrate the new family on Saturday, January 23 at 10:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Kelsy and Jake are registered at Buy Buy Baby and Pottery Barn. All are invited. Please RSVP to Carmen or Andy Shelly at [shellyac@everestkc.net](mailto:shellyac@everestkc.net) or 913.894.5011.

**Many thanks** to those who came and helped "de-decorate" the church this past Saturday - Marina Kaufman, Dustin Fish, Karen Uhlenhuth with Lia and Thuy, Clif Hostetler, Sandy Wetzell, Dan Duncan and Scott Weast. What took 4 hours to fluff and place and hang in early December came down and was tucked away in about 1 1/2 hours. We appreciate the great help. ~The Visual Arts Committee.

The Junior High Sunday school class wishes to **thank the congregation** for its generosity in supporting our very successful fund raising campaign for the Syrian refugees. We raised \$657.25 last Sunday selling our cinnamon rolls! We are indeed blessed to be part of such a caring community and thank each and every one of you.

Interested in becoming a member at Rainbow? Please contact Pastor Ruth if you are interested in learning more about this process. Either call the church or email her at [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

The **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum for January 26 will focus on "Social Security: The Basics and Recent Changes." There have been changes as a result of the Federal budget that was passed for 2016. Contact Karen Hostetler at [karenh@sckck.org](mailto:karenh@sckck.org) or at 913-485-0975 for more information. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

**Save the date!** The **International Service Trip Group** will provide a fundraising lunch on Jan. 31 prior to the annual meeting. Please come support us as we prepare to travel to Guatemala in June. Hope to see everyone there.

## Staff Updates

Youth Program Director Renee Reimer will be on a trip to Egypt through AMBS and will be out of the office through January 26. Please keep her in your prayers.

Pastor Ruth is out of town today at a Roots of Justice anti-racism training.

The church office will be closed on Monday for MLK Jr day.

## Youth Updates

Sr high lunch discussion will be on Sunday, January 17th from 11am-12:30pm.

The jr high youth event for **February 7th** will take place at the Good-Bollinger household (14721 W 81st St Lenexa, KS) for a Superbowl party. Kick-off is at **5:30pm**. Other activities will be available to youth who do not want to watch the game. Baked potatoes and BBQ will be provided, youth and families are invited to bring other toppings for the baked potatoes.

## This Week

Sunday	January 17	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Ed Neufeld and Sherie Surbaugh Shower	10:50 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Trustees Meeting	12:00 pm
Monday	January 18	Office Closed	All Day
		AGO Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 20	Deacons Meeting	10:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	January 23	Jake and Kelsy Allison baby Shower	10:30 am

## Next Week

Wednesday	January 27	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	January 28	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday-Saturday	January 29-30	SCR Retreat	All Day

