

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 14, 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 **Jonathan Bollinger and family**. Our greeters are **Jonathan Bollinger and Dave Schrag**. 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 **Carrie and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Please **continue to pray** for Joe Duerksen as he receives care at Kingswood, a skilled nursing home facility.

A message from Rachel Hostetler: At last Sunday's congregational meeting, I announced that I have resigned from my Community Services Coordinator position with the church and Executive Director position with Sharing Community in Rosedale. My last day will be April 29. I am working with Ruth, the church personnel committee and SCR Board to make this transition as smooth as possible. It has been a great pleasure to work in the church where I grew up. I am incredibly grateful to the congregation for the many ways you have supported me and the church's outreach in the Rosedale community. Thank you for this opportunity.

We would like to **thank everyone** who attended our baby shower. We appreciate everyone's kind words, thoughts, and prayers as we welcome Baby Allison in the coming weeks. Thank you for all of your support! -Jake and Kelsy Allison

David Leyva is graduating from the Universidad El Bosque in Bogota Colombia on February 18 with a Bachelors degree in Bilingual Education with an emphasis on teaching English. He continues to teach English and is currently living with his parents. David sends many thanks for all the support from Rainbow.

Coloring in the Fellowship Hall is back! Lenten coloring sheets are on the tables.

A special **church council meeting** will take place today in the Rainbow room.

There will be a **special congregational meeting** held on Sunday, February 28 following Sunday School to vote on financing the building work needed. Please plan to attend this meeting.

It's time to update the **church directory**! Paper versions will be in the fellowship hall for people to correct during fellowship time. If you are not currently listed in the directory and would like to be, please email your contact information to office@rainbowmennonite.org or call 913-236-8820.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday February 21 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) by Sunday February 14.

Youth Mentoring Program: We would like to invite current 5th grade through 12th grade youth to consider participating in our mentoring program. This program allows young people to connect with another adult friend at church. New youth participants together with their parents will create a list of candidates to be a possible personal mentor. Then the committee will match mentees with one of the mentor candidates. If you are approached to serve as a mentor please consider this opportunity seriously as a way of serving our youth and nurturing others at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Youth interested should sign up for the program by turning in their applications to Jan Good-Bollinger, Janelle Arnett Campbell, Cynthia Olavarria Kauffman or Renee Reimer, preferably by February 21.

Kid's Night Out is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, February 26th from 5-8pm. All children in grades K-5th are welcome to attend. Plan to bring a sack dinner. If you are interested in joining this evening of fun please email Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org by Wednesday, February 24th.

Have you got a **talent to share**?! (Of course you do!) The youth will be hosting a Variety Extravaganza on Sunday, March 6th at 6pm. If you are interested in participating in the Variety Show please email Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org. Everyone is welcome to share their gifts!

Terry Rouse will be the speaker at the Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, February 23 at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82ndSt, KCKS. He will be presenting on “Tiny Houses: Keeping What is Essential in Life.” He will show pictures, share stories, and talk about his journey related to building and now living in a tiny house. There is no charge for the forum which meets from 6 to 7:30 pm. You may also contact Karen Hostetler at 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.

Youth Updates

Jr high breakfast will be meeting on Sunday, February 21st at 8:30am in the Jr high room.

Sr high lunch discussion will be happening on Sunday, February 21st from 11am-12:30pm. Join in for some good discussions and food in the the sr high room.

This Week

Sunday	February 14	Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Wednesday	February 17	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	February 20	Deacons Retreat	9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	February 21	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
		Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Tuesday	February 23	Unified Government Flood Planning	5:00 pm
Wednesday	February 24	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	February 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	February 26	Kids Night Out	5:00 pm

Winter Adult Education Classes:

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery..... Room 111

The "Doctrine of Discovery" is a framework that has been used since the 15th century that gave Christian governments legal rights to seize Indigenous lands. Native Americans continue to experience the painful legacy of being forcibly separated from their land, their culture, and their spirituality. This class will look at how we as Christians today can advocate for justice for Native Americans, learn how to build relationships with and among Indigenous people around the world, and explore reconciliation between Native Americans and Mennonites.

End of Life IssuesSunflower Room

This class will consist of six sessions of approximately 45 minutes each, dealing with various aspects of end of life planning. The materials and information provided for the course are from Everence Stewardship Education branch. Today's topic is "Having family conversations and making your wishes known."

The Wired Word Library

The Wired Word uses current headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. On Thursday of each week, a lesson will be emailed to the facilitators with the appropriate scriptural texts and questions for discussion. The facilitators can email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class. Participants can also join in the discussion without having read the lesson since it will be based on a current topic.

***Everyday Mercies* by Edie Yoder Miller Wesley Room**

Carrie's dad is a dairy farmer, but she has a different idea about working the land when she returns to her south central home in Wisconsin for four days. During the holiday meal and the days that follow, Carrie's grandmother, Martha, and other family members also provide surprises that propel events forward. There's an unexpected dinner guest, an extra dessert, and an unplanned trip to the family cemetery plot. Martha often retreats to her bedroom to read her mother's diaries that reveal a life lived in a vastly different world of patriarchal privilege and pietistic language. The tensions and humor of family living spill out in the most ordinary of interactions. Whether in everyday routine or in shocking revelation, this novel gives a lively look into four generations of women coming from conservative Mennonite and Amish backgrounds. Through all the scenes and introspection, healing mercy awaits.