

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 7, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

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

On behalf of my family, both here in KC and in Ontario, I want to express my **heartfelt thanks** to the congregation for their expressions of support and condolence following the death of my father. While his passing was not unexpected, it was a loss nonetheless and I am appreciative kind words and notes. Thank you again. ~Bob Campbell

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.

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.

Mennonite Central Committee guests Karin Kaufman Wall and Erica Littlewolf will host an interactive learning experience **today** in the fellowship hall from 10:50am-12:15pm today entitled, *The Loss of Turtle Island*, where blankets represent the land and participants represent Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination - all in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery. There will be an activity for children in the WorshipArts room following Sunday School until 12:15pm for adults with children interested in participating.

To mark the beginning of Lent, all are invited to an **Ash Wednesday service** February 10, 5:45-6:30 pm in the sanctuary. During this contemplative service of prayer and song, the imposition of ashes will be offered either on the forehead or hand, a gesture of being authentically human before God, releasing us from illusions of perfection or immortality. This service will take the place of our usual monthly Taize service.

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. Next week’s mid-week announcements will include a link to register. 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.

Staff Updates

Office Manager Ashton Wells will be out of the office on Monday.

Youth Updates

The jr high youth event **TONIGHT** will take place at the Good-Bollinger household 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 are invited to bring other toppings for the baked potatoes.

This Week

Sunday	February 7	Sr High Student/Parent Lunch	12:15 pm
		Jr High Party	5:30 pm
Wednesday	February 10	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Ash Wednesday Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday-Monday	February 13-15	Sr High Snow Camp	All Day

Next 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

Winter Adult Education Classes:

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 "Tame and Wild dying methods- good and bad medical practices near the end."

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.