

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 27, 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**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Alison and Gilberto Flores**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Please pray for Jerry Jantz's daughter Kimber Martin as she receives care in the Neuroscience Unit at St. Luke's Hospital.

Volunteers are needed to help serve at **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** this Friday, April 1 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE HOUSE! The **All Church Garage Sale** will be April 1st - 2nd at Mitch & Rosi Kaufman's 6345 Roe Ave., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Donations (no clothing please) can be dropped off starting Monday, March 28th. Please have your items priced and call ahead (913-384-1747) to make sure someone is home prior to drop off. This fundraiser supports those traveling to Guatemala on a MCC Learn & Serve trip this June.

Save the date! Our next congregational meeting will take place after the noon potluck Sunday, April 17. A special feature of our time together on the 17th will include recognizing Rachel Hostetler and her work with us as Community Services Coordinator and Freedom School Executive Director. There will also be a community-wide open-house in her honor the evening of the 17th from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

To help Rainbow prepare for the visit from consultant Joy Skjegstad, you are invited to fill out a short survey about our outreach activities at Rainbow. A link to the survey was included in the midweek and paper copies are available. Please complete the survey by **March 28**. Joy will be on-site May 6-7, 2016. She will lead us in a facilitated congregational discussion on Friday, May 6, 6-8:30 pm. All are invited. Meetings with Joy are scheduled for Saturday, May 7 between RMC Church Council and SCR Board.

You are invited to bring a sack lunch for a **lunch and learn** after Sunday School on April 10. Gail Goeke will discuss what she learned from Central American women seeking protection from violence in their home countries. She volunteered with the CARA pro bono project, <http://caraprobono.org>, serving women with children detained in the largest immigrant family detention center in the United States.

Interested in becoming a member at Rainbow? Pastor Ruth will hold an informational meeting about church membership during the Sunday school hour on Sunday April 17. Please let her know if you are interested: ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org

There will be an MVS (Mennonite Voluntary Service) house **workday** on Saturday April 23 from 9-12.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT for junior high youth hanging around and asking lots of questions! No need to be nervous - just chatty - as the junior high Sunday school class is on a scavenger hunt to learn more about the adults with whom they attend church. They want to learn about your profession, your hobbies and interests, where you went school, any and all details that make you...well, you! So during fellowship time or when you may least expect it, say hello and start spillin'. The youth will be chatting it up until the summer break.

You are invited to add your name to the Upper Room Hallway! Along with the youth we are continuing to explore the question of "Who am I?" We've been sharing the names that others have given us and now it is time to explore **what names we give ourselves**. How do you describe yourself to others and how would it be different if we knew who God says we are? Add your 'name' to the wall and see how others answer "Who am I?"

Youth Updates

Sr high youth interested in attending **the learning experience** to Montana, June 4th-12th, will need to RSVP to Renee with their \$100 nonrefundable deposit **by April 3rd**. Please let Renee know if you have any questions about the trip.

There will be a **youth mentor/mentee** luncheon on Sunday, April 3rd beginning at noon. New mentor pairs will have a brief orientation to the program. Current mentor and mentees are invited to attend as a way to catch up with one another and talk with other mentor and mentee pairs. Pizza will be provided for all mentor pairs.

Sr high youth have the opportunity to attend the **Mennonite Central Committee Sale** April 8th-9th. If you are interested in experiencing German food, a live auction, a gigantic slide, and other homemade goodies please email Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org with the earliest time you are able to leave on Friday, April 8th. We plan to be back in Kansas City on Saturday, April 9th around supper time.

This Week

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| Monday | March 28 | Office Closed | All Day |
| Wednesday | March 30 | Women's Luncheon | 11:00 am |
| | | Personnel Committee Meeting | 5:45 pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) | 6:45 pm |
| Thursday | March 31 | Church Council Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Friday | April 1 | Willa Gill Food Kitchen | 10:30 am |
| Saturday | April 2 | American Guild of Organists Meeting | 10:00 am |

Next Week

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| Sunday | April 3 | Youth Mentor Lunch | 12:00 pm |
| Tuesday | April 5 | Worship Committee Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 6 | Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) | 6:45 pm |
| Thursday | April 7 | Freedom School Enrollment Night | 5:30 pm |
| Friday-Saturday | April 8-9 | Sr High MCC Sale | |

Spring Adult Education Classes:

Jesus and His Jewish Influences Room 111

This class consists of lecture videos by Jodi Magness, Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The lectures address questions such as:

- How was early Judaism markedly different from the Rabbinic Judaism practiced today?
- What kind of world did early Jewish sects envision, and how does Jesus's world view relate to theirs?
- How did events like the Babylonian exile and the reign of Herod the Great affect the development of Judaism up to Jesus's time?
- What did it mean to be a Jew in ancient Israel? What did it mean for Jesus?

The Wired WordLibrary

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.

***We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride Wesley Room**

An immigrant boy whose family is struggling to assimilate. A middle-aged housewife coping with an imploding marriage and a troubled son. A social worker at home in the darker corners of Las Vegas. A wounded soldier recovering from an injury he can't remember getting. By the time we realize how these voices will connect, the impossible and perhaps the unbearable has already happened. *We Are Called to Rise* is a boomtown tale, in which the lives of people from different backgrounds and experiences collide in a stunning coincidence. When presented the opportunity to sink into despair, these characters rise. Emotionally powerful yet tender and intimate, *We Are Called to Rise* is a novel of redemption and unexpected love.

Why Christian.....Sunflower Room

The Why Christian class will be a time of further discussion around the question Why (why not) Christian? We will be utilizing material from the Why Christian conference that was held in Minneapolis, MN in September by Nadia Bolz-Weber and Rachel Held Evans. At the conference, several women shared their perspective on Why Christian, from young seminary graduates to ordained priests. We will be watching some of their speeches plus hearing from some of our own.