

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 3, 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 **Kent Moore and Dan Duncan**. Our greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

Please pray for...

- Jerry Jantz's daughter Kimber Martin as she receives care in the Neuroscience Unit at St. Luke's Hospital.
- Nancy Bosché as she recovers at home from hip replacement surgery.

Je T'aime Taylor **expresses thanks** for the love, compassion, and support shown to her in this difficult time. Her stillborn son, Adisa Baraka Osayande-Taylor will, as she writes, "forever live in our hearts."

There will be a **youth mentor/mentee** luncheon today. New mentors will have a brief orientation to the program during the Sunday School hour. Please meet in Ruth's office at the start of Sunday School. Pizza will be provided for new and current mentor/mentee pairs at noon.

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

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 31st Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Whitmore Park a success! Even though it was raining and not ideal weather conditions, it didn't slow down the children hunting for eggs! Approximately 100 people attended. We couldn't have done it without the support of the volunteers who spread woodchips and cleaned up the park, boiled and dyed the eggs, filled balloons with helium and handed them out, hid the eggs and candy, provided face painting, made balloon animals, dressed up as the Easter bunny, played music and helped with traffic and crowd control. Many thanks to the more than 50 volunteers who made this event possible for the community! -Outreach Committee

The end of the school year is quickly approaching! Let's send some Rainbow strength out to all our **college students**. If you are interested in sending anything such as giftcards, popcorn, granola bars, baked goods, or other items please bring them to church by April 17th. There will be a laundry basket in the fellowship hall for gifts. There will also be a card for anyone interested in writing a message to our college students.

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

Youth Updates

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.

Run/Walk Group

A group from Rainbow has been meeting for over sixteen years on Saturday mornings to run or walk the Trolley Trail, drink coffee, and have fellowship. We meet at the Aixois Bistro at 251 East 55th St. (55th & Brookside) in KC, MO.

Our Saturday Schedule is as follows:

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. -- Run or walk the Trolley Trail

From 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. -- Coffee and fellowship

Those who arrive at 7:00 a.m. can run or walk as a group with others, and those who come later can run or walk alone at their own pace. We generally go north or south on the Trolley trail and time our return to 55th Street by 8:00 a.m. for coffee at the Aixois restaurant. Both men and women are welcome.

Contact Clif Hostetler for more information.

This Week

Sunday	April 3	Youth Mentor Lunch	12:00 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	

Next Week

Sunday	April 10	Lunch N Learn with Gail Goeke	12:00 pm
Tuesday	April 12	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 13	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Sporting KC Concessions	3:30 pm
Thursday	April 14	Deacons Meeting	11:30 am

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.