

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 8, 2017

**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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Our greeters are **Brenda and Dick Tatro**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, need a hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Melissa Funk, Nick Schroeder, and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

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**Thank you** for your prayers and letters of support after my daughter's death (Diane Reese). ~ Betty Bodine

Please **continue to pray** for Tracy Long and family as she continues to receive rehab at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

**Please pray** for Rainbow congregants John and Kay Schmidt, Ray Reimer and Rosi Epp (Renee's parents) and Ryne Preheim (former Rainbow intern) as they travel to Israel/Palestine as part of the Bethel/Tabor College learning trip.

**Baby Calvin is coming soon!** Please help celebrate the impending arrival of Nick Hawkins and Dawn Araujo-Hawkins' little boy with a baby shower during fellowship time **today**.

Our church will continue to sparkle with Christmas lights for several more weeks, but the Visual Arts Committee would love to **have your help** on Saturday, January 14th at 9-10:30 am to pack away the trees and greenery.

**We're updating the church directory!** Paper copies are available to edit in the Fellowship Hall.

**Save the date! Our annual congregational business meeting will begin sharply at 12:30 pm (following potluck) on Sunday January 29.** Major agenda items will include 1) Discussion and vote on 2017 budget, 2) Vote on Gifts Discernment nominations, 3) Review of annual reports which will be available two weeks prior to our meeting. If you have agenda items for the Church Council to consider, please submit them no later than **January 11.**

We are putting together the first quarter nursery schedule and are in need of a **few more volunteers!** Please email Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman at [cokyassoc@gmail.com](mailto:cokyassoc@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

**Ushers/greeters needed!** Have a few minutes to spare on Sunday morning? We are looking for people to hand out bulletins/ help people find seating/ pass around the microphones and collect the offering. If this sounds fun to you please contact Darin Kaufman at [dkaufmankc@gmail.com](mailto:dkaufmankc@gmail.com).

Sexual violence in the church is an uncomfortable and challenging subject for conversation, but one that's important to have as we explore our Mennonite identity this month. You're invited to a conversation with Dr. Stephanie Krehbiel, one of the forces behind the Our Stories Untold blog and the SNAPmenno accountability movement, on Sunday, January 15, at the home of Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart. Reception is at 5 p.m., with conversation starting at 5:30. If you know you'll be coming, please email Aaron ([ab@aaronbarn.com](mailto:ab@aaronbarn.com)). Otherwise, just show up — we're at 3808 Genessee Street in Kansas City (64111).

The holidays are over, but that doesn't mean the celebrations end! Join in celebrating the October wedding of M'Baliala Thomas and Scott Cossel after the worship service on January 22. There will be a basket for cards and a money tree.

**New members** will be recognized during worship on January 29. If you are interested in joining this group and becoming a member, please talk to Ruth asap ([ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)).

### **Youth Updates**

Jr high youth are invited to attend the January jr high breakfast on Sunday, January 15th. Breakfast will be provided and we will meet in the jr high Sunday school room.

There will be a **sr high lunch** discussion on Sunday, January 15th from 11am-12:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

**SR HIGH DEPOSIT DUE:** Sr high youth interested in attending MCUSA Convention in Orlando, FL this summer will need to turn in their \$250 deposit and registration form to Renee by Sunday, January 15th.

**Staff Updates**

Youth Program Director, Renee Reimer, will be in Elkhart, Indiana this week taking Christian Theology 2 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

**January 1**

Attendance.....	100
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	3

**This Week**

Sunday	January 8	Baby Shower for Dawn and Nick	10:50 am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
Monday	January 9	Social Worker Gathering	7:00 pm
Tuesday	January 10	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	January 11	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	January 12	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
		Special Council Meeting	7:00 pm

**Next Week**

Sunday	January 15	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	12:00 pm
Tuesday	January 17	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	January 18	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Park Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	January 20	Jr High Snow Camp	All day

**Adult Education Classes**

***Creation Care and Climate Change* ..... Sunflower Room**

Natural resources are not only vitally important to the economy of Kansas, they have contributed mightily to the quality of life for generations of Kansans. As these resources face unprecedented challenges, people of faith are leading efforts to advocate for what they call “creation care.” Leaving behind the old debate over “who caused climate change,” these faith communities are looking for common ground to respond to what they agree is a threat to the world that they believe God entrusted to them as stewards. This class will feature discussions and readings for a program being developed for statewide presentation by the Kansas Humanities Council.

***Religion for Atheists* ..... Room 110**

This class will be a discussion of the book *Religion for Atheists: A Non-believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion* by Alain de Botton. Botton suggests that rather than mocking religion, agnostics and atheists should instead steal from it—because the world’s religions are packed with good ideas on how we might live and arrange our societies. Blending deep respect with total impiety, de Botton (a non-believer himself) proposes that we look to religion for insights into how to, among other concerns, build a sense of community, make our relationships last, overcome feelings of envy and inadequacy, inspire travel and reconnect with the natural world.

***The Fire This Time, Part Two* ..... Library**

We continue to learn, analyze, challenge, and dissect racial identities, power, misuse of power and their interplay. But we also act. Now is the time. We must work within our church walls and outside of them. Please join us if you are ready to help chart a path forward.

***To be or not to be an Anabaptist Mennonite* ..... Wesley Room**

This class, facilitated by Pastor Ruth and friends, will compliment the January-February worship series where we will learn more about the gifts and challenges of belonging to a Mennonite denomination and global Anabaptist movement. If you've ever wanted a chance to learn more about the historical and contemporary realities Mennonites face, join us!