

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 12, 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.

Today's ushers are **David Stewart and Jonathan Bollinger**. 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, 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 **Jeff Janzen, Tanya Ortman, and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

The rose in the front of the sanctuary is in honor of Dawn Araujo-Hawkins and Nick Hawkins for the birth of their son Calvin Peter Parham Hawkins on February 6.

We thank Sarah Klaassen, pastor of Rock Bridge Church Church in Columbia, MO, for loaning us the **Mennonite Peace and Service** banner at the front of the Sanctuary. It was designed by Bob Regier.

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. Today, Dr. Stephanie Krehbiel, one of the forces behind the Our Stories Untold blog and the SNAPmenno accountability movement, will help lead a Sunday school discussion. **You're also invited to a lunch and learn conversation** with Stephanie following Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided for a suggested \$10 donation.

February is photo refresh month! The Welcome Committee would like to update the photo directory in the Fellowship Hall. Phil Rhoads and Ky Stoltzfus will be taking photos of individuals and families during the month of February. So please have your photo taken during the coffee hour so it can be updated on the wall.

Last call for the church directory! Paper copies are available to edit in the Fellowship Hall.

Our local Mennonite camp, Camp Mennoscah, is now accepting registrations for summer camps. If you would like to request a camp scholarship or if you know someone in need of a scholarship, please contact Deacon Chair Amy Kliever (akliever.adk@gmail.com) or Pastor Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org).

As mentioned in at the January Congregational meeting, the Trustees are considering **increasing the number of handicapped parking spaces** in the North parking lot. The drop-off site on Mill Street will remain for those needing to let passenger's off and enter via the ramp. Please be mindful of parking within the allotted space (lines) provided, particularly where van accessible spots are designated to accommodate vans with ramps.

Registration is now open for Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando, Florida July 4-8. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact Pastor Ruth.

STRING BAND MUSIC – JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT. The sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, hammered dulcimer and bass will once again be heard at Rainbow. On February 28 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. the Quasi Brothers will host a time for tunes and songs. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke.

Rainbow's got talent! Save the date and sign-up for the Variety Show Extravaganza happening on Sunday, March 5th from 6-8pm. Youth families will be providing a dessert buffet and proceeds raised will go to help fund the sr high youth attending MCUSA convention and the jr high youth who attended Snow Camp at RMMC last month. Anyone (and all ages!) who has a talent they would like to share can sign-up with Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org. You will not want to miss this night of laughter, sugar, and jr high youth singing John Denver!

Youth Updates

Jr high breakfast in February will be happening on Sunday, February 19th at 8:30am. Christian Buller will be joining us this month and we will be talking about hospitality :)

Sr high lunch in February will take place on Sunday, February 19th from 11 am-12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided and our guest will be Aaron this month!

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office (and country!) February 15-22. The Deacon on call will be Richard VanDyke.

At the January congregational meeting the vote to approve the 2017 annual budget included a personnel change. Renee Reimer will now be our **.75 FTE Youth and Outreach Ministries Director**, including responsibilities that used to be filled by a Community Services Coordinator. If you have questions please contact personnel committee chair Nancy Gritman.

For close to 40 years, Rainbow Mennonite has worked in tandem with a 501(c)(3) organization called Sharing Community in Rosedale, Inc. (SCR) Most recently, Rainbow and SCR have partnered in offering educational enrichment opportunities such as Freedom School to the youth and families of Rosedale. SCR is now looking to hire a **full-time Executive Director** to expand our educational-based youth programs. You can find the job description and how to apply on the church website.

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Attendance.....	198
Visitors (included in attendance count)	12

This Week

Sunday	February 12	Lunch and Learn	12:00 pm
Tuesday	February 14	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	February 15	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

Next Week

Sunday	February 19	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Park Committee Meeting	11:45 am
		Youth Mentor Committee Meeting	11:45 am
Tuesday	February 21	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	February 22	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Youth Support Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 23	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Adult Education Classes

***Religion for Atheists*Sunflower Room**

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!