

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 19, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. Our greeters are **Melissa Funk and Sammy Stayton**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

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.

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.

We will begin our Rainbow season of Lent with an **Ash Wednesday Service** on March 1 at 6 pm. All ages are welcome to this contemplative service of song, readings, prayer, and imposition of ashes (optional).

Our Lenten theme this year is "Rooted and Grounded in Love." Pastor Ruth is currently **collecting** favorite short stories, songs, poems, and prayers on the subject of gardening--clearing, digging, planting, watering, and thriving. If you have something to send her (created by you or someone else), please email her: ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org

Needing new members! As we reorganize the Whitmore playground committee, we are looking for a couple more volunteers. If you are interested, or if you just want to know more about what we do, please come to our meeting at 11:45 in the church library.

There will be a **Community Garden Workday** at 1 pm on Wednesday February 22. The plan is to rake the sweetgum balls in the garden lot and do some trimiming along the fence. If you are able to help out, give Mitch Kaufman a call at 816.810.2652.

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 Kliewer (akliewer.adk@gmail.com) or Pastor Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org).

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 reneer@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!) until February 22. The Deacon on call will be Richard VanDyke (913.888.9833, home and 913.709.2082, cell)

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Attendance.....	140
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	February 26	Rainbows in Rosedale Potluck	12:00 pm
Tuesday	February 28	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Tuesday Tunes	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 1	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 2	Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00 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!