

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 26, 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 **Nancy and Brad Gritman**. 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 **Kendric Beachey, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman, and Gabby Beachey**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Today we recognize Lee Beers as a new member. Lee grew up in San Diego, California. He was baptized at a Calvary Baptist Church in Ottawa, KS. He loves music and art. His life motto can be summed up like this: "For the Love of God this is life and that's eternal."

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.

Please **pray for** Joyce Mills who has returned home and is resting comfortably following a small stroke on February 6. She was treated at St. Luke's on the Plaza. Her home at Lindenwoods Village is currently on "lock down" due to a flu outbreak, but, fortunately, Joyce has not contracted it.

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). See today's insert for more information about our Rainbow Lenten season.

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

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..

The youth group is hosting a Variety Show Extravaganza dessert fundraiser on Sunday, March 5th from 6-8pm and you all are invited! Come for the desserts, stay for Mike Horner's emceeing, and enjoy music, comedy, and really cool stage lighting.

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).

Youth Updates

The **sr high youth** will be setting up for the Variety Show Extravaganza on Saturday, March 4th beginning at 12:00pm. As requested, there will be fried chicken.

Community Updates

The Next Chapter Kansas City Forum on Tuesday, February 28 will focus on "Giving Back in An Unexpected Way." John and Sheryl Maguire and Dan Dakotas and Ruth Schukman-Dakotas will tell an inspirational story about a group of Kansas City friends whose lives were changed at one casual dinner. For more information contact Karen Hostetler (karenh@sckck.org).

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Attendance.....	163
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This 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
		SCR Board Meeting	5:30 pm
		Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:30)	7:00 pm
Thursday	March 2	Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	March 4	Sr High Decorating	12:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	March 5	Variety Show Dessert Fundraiser	6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 7	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 8	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Youth Support Board Meeting	6:00 pm
		Lenten Taizé Service	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 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!