

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 5, 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 **John Mueller and David Becker**. Our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg, Ashton Wells, and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

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...

- The Buller family as Stan Buller's father, Howard Buller, passed away last Saturday. He will be greatly missed by his children and grandchildren.
- Angela Weis and the Hacker children, former members of Rainbow, as Robert Hacker passed away last night from a heart attack. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ray Peck Band Association.
- **Tracy Long and her family**. Tracy is home and requires around the clock care. If you would like to sign up to spend some time with Tracy or take the family a meal please contact the church office.
- Russel Yoder as he continues to recover. He has moved to the Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission at 7600 Antioch Rd, Overland Park, KS.

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.

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 lunch and learn conversation** with Dr. Stephanie Krehbiel, one of the forces behind the Our Stories Untold blog and the SNAPmenno accountability movement, on **Sunday, February 12**, in the Fellowship Hall.

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. Making sure our disabled members and visitors have easy access to the church is a continuing priority. Your thoughtful parking consideration is appreciated.

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.

Staff Updates

Last Sunday the vote to approve the 2017 annual budget included a personnel change. Renee Reimer, who has served as our .50 FTE Youth Program Director, will now be our **.75 FTE Youth and Outreach Ministries Director**. This additional 10 hours will include responsibilities that used to be filled by a Community Services Coordinator. She will work closely with the Outreach Committee, as well as some of Rainbow's other "Serve" priorities and commitments. If you have questions please contact personnel committee chair Nancy Gritman (ngritman@gmail.com).

Sharing Community in Rosedale is hiring an Executive Director! The job is posted at www.npconnect.org.

Avila University's Buchanan Initiative for Peace and Nonviolence is hosting a conference entitled "**Troost: A Vision for Peace & Action!**" on February 8th and 9th at Avila University. There will be poetry readings, speakers, and breakout workshops. Ken Parsons is one of the organizers for this event. For more information, go to peace.avila.edu.

Youth Updates

The **February youth group** gathering will be happening tonight and word on the street is that it is also Super Bowl Sunday. Dave and Diane Richardson Spaite have agreed to host jr high and sr high youth their home (4108 Elledge Dr. Roeland Park, KS 66205). The game will be on, board games will be provided for those who do not want to watch the game, an alternative Puppy Bowl may also be on, and taco salad will be provided for supper. Please bring a dip to go along with the taco salad or a dessert if you plan to attend. Kick off is at 5:30pm!

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

This Week

Sunday	February 5	Youth Group	5:30 pm
Tuesday	February 7	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	February 8	Jubilee Groupies	4:00 pm
		SCR Meeting	5:30 pm

		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	February 9	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	February 11	Sr High Lockin	6:00 pm

Next 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

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!