

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 2, 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 **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. 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 **Cynthia Olivarria Kaufman, Alison Unruh, and Joel Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Join us for these Lenten/Easter Events

- **Join us at 6 pm Wednesday April 5** for a contemplative time of centering prayer, music, and readings. For those who wish to arrive earlier for individual prayer and reflection, the sanctuary will be open starting at 5:30 pm for quiet reflection and the service officially beginning at 6 pm and lasting approximately 30-40 minutes.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 13 from 6:30-8 pm** (Fellowship Hall): A gathering of communion and supper around tables. Please RSVP (office@rainbowmennonite.org).
- **Easter egg boiling and decorating, April 14 at 6:30 pm:** Everyone is invited to help boil and color the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will begin to boil the eggs at 1 pm and decorate them at 6:30 pm. Signups for this event will take place mid-March.
- **Easter egg hunt, April 15 at 10:30 am** (Whitmore Park)
- **Easter Sunrise Service, April 16th at 7:00am:** This service will take place outside in the Rainbow Garden and will feature theatrical scripture readings, music, and a communion of seed planting in the garden. A free breakfast will be provided following the service. Our indoor Easter service will begin at our usual time, 9:30 am

Newcomers: The **Welcoming Committee** invites you to the designated “WELCOME TABLE” during coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall following service. Welcome to Rainbow!

The orchard planting that was scheduled for Thursday was postponed to April 12. We hope you can join us then!

We will be assisting **Trinity United Methodist Church** in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen at 645 Nebraska Avenue in downtown Kansas City, KS, on Friday, April 7, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet down by the coffee or contact Nancy Bosché at (913) 549-3331.

Join us for a Whitmore Playground workday on April 8 starting at 8am. We'll be spreading wood chips, weeding, deadheading, cleaning sidewalks and BB courts and general cleaning to get the playground ready for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will need wheelbarrows, scoop shovels, leaf vacs and garden rakes.

Our spring congregational meeting will take place Sunday, April 9 following Sunday School (11:50 am). We will be voting on proposed constitutional amendments that were sent out in the midweek. Paper copies are available in the Fellowship Hall.

The Social Committee is looking for a **few volunteers** to supply some light snacks (meat, crackers, cheese, and fruit) during the congregational meeting on April 9. Please email the church office if you are willing to provide these food items. Note that this will be in place of a congregational potluck that day.

We will be **hosting Family Game Night** Thursday April 20 for families of the new Rainbow Summer Program. We could use a few more volunteers to help prepare pizza in the afternoon, serve pizza at 6pm, or play games with and monitor children while their parents are meeting. If you would like to volunteer contact Terry Rouse at tbikerkc@gmail.com or 816-810-0987.

Save the date for Rainbow's **Kids Night Out** on Friday, April 21st from 6-9pm. Children in grades K-5th are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org

With a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, we want to share with the congregation the new books created by the Visual Arts Committee to give information about the **artists and art in and around our church property**. Join the Visual Arts Committee on Sunday, April 30th at 4 pm to see the new 60-page "coffee-table" books that document our paintings, prints and sculptures. Members of the Visual Arts committee will be available to give tours using the new books. Snacks and birthday cake will add to our celebration as it also happens to be Leo Goertz's 95th birthday. Please RSVP to jbuerge302@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Staff Updates

On Thursday, March 30, Rainbow Church Council, with support from Rainbow's Personnel Committee, voted to hire **Carrie Parsons as our new full-time Church Administrator**. Carrie will begin in a part-time capacity already this week, with full-time work beginning mid-April. Welcome, Carrie!

Friday was Ashton Wells’ last day in her current role as Church Administrator. She writes “Dear Rainbow Community, thank you so much for providing me with this opportunity for the past three and a half years. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and being able to support the mission of the church in various ways. I have gained a deep appreciation for the Mennonite tradition and Rosedale neighborhood because of you. I appreciate the ways you developed me for my next role and am thrilled that I will remain in Rosedale and so closely connected with the church.”

Youth Updates

Youth group for jr and sr high youth will take place tonight from 6-8pm. There will be food, community building, and Mike Peters!

There will be a **lock-in** for all jr high youth on Friday, April 14th in conjunction with the Easter Egg hunt. Supper will be served at 6pm with egg coloring beginning at 6:30pm followed by an evening of activities around the church. Jr high youth will then help set-up for the Easter Egg hunt Saturday morning until 11:30am or so.

March 26

Attendance.....	183
Visitors (included in attendance count)	20

This Week

Sunday	April 2	Youth Mentor Committee Meeting	11:00 am
		RSP Brainstorming	12:00 pm
		Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	April 4	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 5	Lenten Taizé Service	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	April 7	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
		Sr High Trip to MCC Sale	5:00 pm
Saturday	April 8	Park Workday	8:00 am
		Sr High MCC Sale	All Day

Next Week

Sunday	April 9	Youth Education Meeting	8:00 am
		Congregational Meeting	11:50 am
Tuesday	April 11	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	April 12	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 13	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal	6:30 pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	April 14	Egg Boiling	1:00 pm
		Jr High Lockin	6:00 pm
		Egg Coloring	6:30 pm
Saturday	April 15	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am

There will be one joint Adult Ed Class during Lent.

Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40!.....Sanctuary

The 40 day period of Lent (not including Sundays) seems like a good time to learn more about the 40-year history of Sharing Community in Rosedale (SCR), Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS), and Whitmore Park. In keeping with our Lenten garden theme, many people have done the hard work of clearing, digging, planting, and watering over the decades. How might these initiatives continue to thrive in the future? Join us as we learn about the first 40 years and imagine the next 40. Today will feature pictures and stories from the history of Whitmore Playground.