

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Janelle Schrag, Melissa Funk, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Please keep Elden Grittman, Brad Grittman's father, **in your prayers** as he was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday and will be under hospice care.

The youth group is hosting a Variety Show Extravaganza dessert fundraiser TONIGHT 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.

During the season of Lent the Rainbow community is invited to participate in **My Coins Count**, an MCC project designed to collect all types of coins to raise funds for food and water projects all around the world. Each week children will collect coins from the congregation following Children's Time. Sr high youth will take Rainbow's collection of coins to the MCC Sale in Hutchinson on April 7th-8th. Start collecting your coins now and bring them to church starting this Sunday, March 5th!

Don't be late to church next Sunday! Don't forget we **spring ahead** for daylight savings on Sunday, March 12.

Notice something that **needs to be fixed** in the church? You can now fill out an online form for maintenance requests! It will be housed in the members only section of the website and paper copies will be available in the copy room.

The vacant lot at the corner of Southwest Blvd and Mill Street is about to be transformed into **an orchard** to help provide fresh fruit for Freedom school children as well as those from the neighborhood who help maintain it. Join the Rainbows in Rosedale group planting a variety of trees and bushes on Thursday March 30. We will meet for lunch at noon and plant from 1 till 4 pm. For more information or to volunteer contact rainbows.in.rosedale@gmail.com or Terry Rouse at 816.810.0987.

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).

Community Updates

On Saturday, March 11 from 9 AM to 12 PM you're invited to join neighbors for a compost spreading workday in the community garden located at the corner of S. Early Street & W 37th Avenue. Shovels and work gloves will be provided. A potluck picnic will conclude the event; please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, March 9 at 6 PM at 1401 SW Boulevard the Rosedale Development Association will partner with Kansas City Community Gardens to provide a potluck & garden workshop on "planning your plot for success." Participants will have the opportunity to reserve a garden plot, acquire 10 seed packets to get started and use a planting tool to maximize harvests throughout the season.

Everence® to present informative webinars this March

Basics of investing: Tuesday, March 21 (2 or 8 p.m.)

In this webinar, we'll discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over different types of investments and help you determine your appropriate level of risk. We'll also cover how to get started and address your questions. Presented by Dennis LeFevre*, CFP®, Trust and Financial Advisor.

For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 or melissa.short@everence.com; or visit everence.com/direct. (All times Eastern Daylight Time.)

Mennonite Disaster Service Year in Review

There was no slow down for MDS in 2016. We served 539 homeowners in the United States and Canada with the hard work of the more than 3,800 volunteers who donated their time and energy to bring hope to those impacted by disaster. Volunteers throughout 2016 worked nearly 24,200 days doing clean up, home repairs, new builds, and rebuilding bridges. We thank you for your work and continued commitment to those in need.

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Attendance.....	105
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Sunday	March 5	Adopt-a-section Park Meeting	11:45 am
		Variety Show Dessert Fundraiser	6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 7	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 8	Youth Support Board Meeting	6:00 pm
		Lenten Taizé Service (music at 5:50)	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 9	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Tuesday	March 14	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	March 15	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Lenten Taizé Service (music at 5:50)	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

There will be on join 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. March 5 and 12 will feature SCR, March 19 and 26 will feature MVS, and the final two Sundays will feature Whitmore Park.