

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 16, 2017

**Happy Easter!** 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. Today's 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Joel Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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**Please remember in prayer the family and friends of Tracy Long** who died on April 7. A Celebration of Life Service was held at Rainbow Saturday, April 15.

Today while the children and their teachers have regularly scheduled Sunday School, everyone else is invited to enjoy an extended time of fellowship either in Fellowship Hall or outside. Be sure to check out the newly planted Rainbow orchard to the west of the church along Southwest Boulevard!

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

**Rainbow Church Council and Mennonite Voluntary Service Support Board need your input!** We are facing some important questions and decisions regarding the future of Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Kansas City. Please take five minutes to complete the brief online questionnaire that was included in the midweek email. Please email the church office if you did not receive a link to this questionnaire or if you need assistance filling it out.

Do you like to eat pizza and play games? Then we have the volunteer opportunity for you. We will be hosting **Family Game Night on Thursday, April 20 from 6-8pm.** We need volunteers to eat pizza as well as play games with and monitor the children of parents while they are attending the Rainbow Summer Program informational meeting. If this is something in which you would like to participate, contact Terry Rouse at [trbikerkc@gmail.com](mailto:trbikerkc@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](mailto:reneer@rainbowmennonite.org)

As the semester begins to wind down, now is a great opportunity to reach out to our 5 college students (Carl Dean Yarwood, Danny Kaufman, Hannah Unruh, Will Moore, and Abby Banning). Rainbow will be collecting items for college care packages the next 3 Sundays. If you would like to donate anything to our college students please have them in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, April 23rd. Feel free to bring healthy snacks, homemade snacks, nonperishable microwave meals, or other fun little goodies (please note there is one vegetarian and one vegan in the group of college students when purchasing and making goodies). Direct any questions to Renee Reimer.

**Please mark your calendars to join us for lunch with your mentor / youth after Sunday School on April 23rd!** This will be an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and midweek news. *Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Renee Reimer ([reneer@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:reneer@rainbowmennonite.org)) so she knows how much pizza to purchase.*

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](mailto:jbuerge302@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**Volunteer needed:** Rainbow’s Picture Wall needs updating, and we have about 50 new photos to add. Basic computer skills are required, and specific training will be provided, using your own home computer. Please email Carrie (office@rainbowmennonite.org) or call the church office for more information.

**Do you have a graduate in the family?** We’d love to include their name in our upcoming ‘Rainbow Graduate List’ on May 21. Please provide their name and current school (and their degree, if applicable) to the church office. Phone: 913.236.8820  
Email: office@rainbowmennonite.org

**Staff Updates**

**Carrie Parsons has begun as our new full-time Church Administrator.** Thank you to those who have offered volunteer office help these past few weeks: Lois Briles, Katie Dyck, Caitlin Linscheid, Peggy Coriell, and Laura Schmidt.

**The church office will be closed** tomorrow, April 17.

**Community Updates**

**The East Hill Singers**, a choir that includes volunteers, inmates and former inmates, will perform spring concerts on April 23 (Village Presbyterian Church) and April 30 (Atonement Lutheran Church). An art exhibit and art sale begins at 3:00 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m.

**April 9**

General Fund .....	\$5,943.50
Other Donations .....	\$542.60
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,486.20</b>

**This Week**

Monday	April 17	Church office closed (staff holiday)	All day
Wednesday	April 19	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 20	Rainbow Summer Program Parent Mtg	6:00 pm
Friday	April 21	MVS meeting	10:00 am
		Kids Night Out	6:00 pm

**Next Week**

Sunday	April 23	Mentor recognition
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