

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 23, 2017

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 and greeters are **Dave, Janelle, Hannah and Larissa Schrag**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Carrie Parsons and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

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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. The family has designated memorial funds to Rainbow Mennonite and Good Shepherd Hospice.
- **Dawn Araujo-Hawkins and Nick Hawkins**, as Nick's mother Jean passed away April 17, 2017.
- **Becky and Larry Bartel** as Larry receives hospital care at Research Medical Center.
- **Becca Claassen** and her family as Becca's uncle passed away recently.
- **Amy Davis** as her mother, Ms. Lennie Brown, passed away on April 12.

Today is the start of our new quarter **Adult Education Classes**. Please see the back of the newsnotes for class offerings and locations.

**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.

**The Rainbow Quilters** will begin working on comforter tops for MCC, on Thursday, April 27, and Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 to 2:00 in Fellowship Hall. These donations are for refugees. Needed are designers, sewers, ironers, and cutters. The more hands, the more tops we can make! We have lots of fabric to begin these new projects! For questions, contact Marsha Rhodes or Phyllis Carlson.

Which artist of a print in our church was an artist war correspondent during WWII? Which artist was of Jewish descent, then tried Zen Buddhism and eventually became a Quaker? Which print is by one of Sweden's foremost artists and one of deans of printmaking? Which sculpture was created as a part of a summer teen project? Join the **Visual Arts Committee on Sunday, April 30th at 4 pm** to learn about these stories and more through the new art books and short tours inside and outside the church. 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.

**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](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)

### **Staff Updates**

Pastor Ruth will be out of town through Monday, April 24. Please direct pastoral emergencies to Deacon Chair Amy Kliever.

## Community Updates

**The East Hill Singers**, a choir that includes volunteers, inmates and former inmates, will perform spring concerts tonight (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.

**World's Window** is still accepting new and gently-used women's clothing donations for Rose Brooks Center (combating domestic violence) through Monday, May 8. Please bring clean clothing on hangers to World's Window at 332 W. 63rd Street in KCMO (on 63rd St. just east of Wornall Rd) Questions? Contact Jan or Lonnie Buerge or check [www.worldswindowkc.com](http://www.worldswindowkc.com)

**The Next Chapter Kansas City** forum this coming Tuesday, April 25 will feature "Road Scholar - For Lifelong Learners Who Love to Travel." It will be held from 6 to 7:30 pm at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. You may contact Karen Hostetler with questions. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of the Shepherd's Center.

## April 16

Attendance.....	197
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	7
General Fund .....	\$6,397.82
Other Donations .....	\$676.37
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,074.19</b>

## This Week

Today	April 23	Mentor Lunch	12:00 pm
		Rainbows in Rosedale Lunch	12:00 pm
Monday	April 24	SCR Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	April 26	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Whitmore Jubilee Groupies	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (No Dinner)	6:30 pm

Thursday	April 27	Rainbow Quilters	9:30 am
		Deacon's Meeting	3:30 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	April 28	Delight Ahead Fundraising Event	5:00 pm
<b>Next Week</b>			
Sunday	April 30	Youth Silent Auction	10:30 am
		Youth Sonic Chat	11:50 am
		Walking Art Tour	4:00 pm
Monday	May 1	Wildwood Info meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	May 2	Summer Program Enrollment	5:30 pm
		Worship Committee	7:00 pm

### Adult Education Classes

#### **Introduction to Robin Meyers and his book *Spiritual Defiance***

Class led by Leroy Seat, Wesley Room

#### ***Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Conner and *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac**

Class led by Dan Duncan and Dan Duncan, Jr., Sunflower Room

#### **This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation**

Class led by Clif Hostetler, Room 111

#### **The Wired Word**

Class led by June Seat, Library