

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 30, 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 greeters are **George Melby and Sammy Stayton**. Ushers are **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller, Liberty Brigman**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

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!

The youth will be auctioning off items of service this morning to raise money for this summer's trip to Mennonite Church USA in Orlando and for youth who attended Snow Camp this winter at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. **The Silent Auction is set up in the fellowship hall**. Bidding begins at 9:00am and ends at 11:50am. The highest bidders will be announced at noon today and will receive their certificate of service at this time. Items being auctioned off include: yardwork, babysitting, home cooked meals and baked goods, dog walking, a water color of the church, and many more.

Join the Visual Arts Committee on this afternoon at 4 pm to celebrate the art in our church through the new art books and short tours inside and outside the church. A Power Point presentation of the art tour will be shown in the Fellowship Hall for those who are unable to go on the walking tour. Snacks and birthday cake will add to our celebration as it also happens to be Leo Goertz's 95th birthday.

Sharing Community in Rosedale is looking for volunteers to help with Enrollment Night on Tuesday, May 2 starting at 5 pm. Volunteers would help sign up families for the **Rainbow Summer Program**. If interested, please contact Ashton Wells at sharinginrosedale@gmail.com.

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 at office@rainbowmennonite.org or 913.236.8820.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with Family Game Night and the Parent Information Session for the Rainbow Summer Program! We had 60 families attend. A special thank you goes to those who made pizza and played games with the children.

Youth Updates

The May youth group event will take place on Sunday, May 7th from 6-8pm. A special guest will be joining us for the evening to help the youth group create our own Rainbow Mennonite Church geocache. Supper will be provided for this youth event.

Member Updates

During community building time on Sunday, April 23, Moderator Jan Good-Bollinger read a statement involving a church member. If you would like to review this statement, please call or email the church: office@rainbowmennonite.org

Congratulations to Andrew Moore for his selection into Mennonite Church USA's Step Up program, an opportunity open to three youth per Mennonite conference. Andrew will be joined by two other high schoolers from Western District Conference: Erick Martinez from Iglesia Menonita Monte Horeb in Dallas TX and Magdalena Ramer Wenger from First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS. The Step Up program gives high school youth an opportunity to learn more about church leadership at the upcoming Mennonite convention in Orlando. Congrats Andrew!

Community Updates

The East Hill Singers, a choir that includes volunteers, inmates and former inmates, will perform a spring concert tonight at 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

April 23

Attendance.....	141
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3
General Fund	\$4648.00
Other Donations	\$2865.00
Total.....	\$7,513

This Week

Today	April 30	Youth Silent Auction	9:00 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	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Summer Program Enrollment	5:30 pm
		Worship Committee	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	May 7	Sr. High Youth at All Souls Church	11:00 am
		Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	May 9	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	May 10	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	May 11	Trustee's Meeting	7:00 pm

Adult Education Classes

Introduction to Robin Meyers and his book *Spiritual Defiance*: Robin Meyers (b. 1952) is a minister, peace activist, philosophy professor and author of seven books. He has been pastor of a UCC church in Oklahoma City since 1985. He is also Professor of Social Justice at Oklahoma City University, where he has taught since 1991. *Spiritual Defiance: Building a Beloved Community of Resistance* (2015) is Meyers's latest book and follows his highly evaluated book *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus* (2012). Although written before the 2016 presidential campaign and election, *Spiritual Defiance* is highly relevant to the current political situation in the U.S. But the book is about faith operating on three levels. As Meyers says in the Prologue, the subject of his book is "faith as resistance to ego, to orthodoxy, and last, but not least, to empire" (p. xviii). This is an insightful book well worth reading carefully, thinking about deeply, and discussing seriously.

---Class led by Leroy Seat, Wesley Room

Wise Blood by Flannery O'Conner and On the Road by Jack Kerouac: These two novels are classic American 20th century literature. *Wise Blood* (1952) concerns a returning WWII veteran who, haunted by a lifelong crisis of faith, resolves to form an anti-religious ministry in an eccentric Southern town. *On the Road* (1957) is considered a defining work of the postwar Beat and Counterculture generations.

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

This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation is a video documentary about the history of the Reformation and its aftermath. Over twenty historians, theologians, and clergy contribute their expert commentary to this video production. The portion covering the Anabaptist history includes commentary by Eastern Mennonite University faculty members.

---Class led by Clif Hostetler, Room 111

The Wired Word team provides lessons based on current events with accompanying Scriptures and discussion questions. The facilitator will email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class toward the end of the week. You are welcome to join the discussions at any time during the semester.

---Class led by June Seat, Library