

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 7, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship. 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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. Ushers are **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. 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 **Kate Brubacher Murphy, Melissa Funk and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Remembering in Prayer...

Betty Bodine as she is receiving rehab care at Bishop Spencer Place and is accepting visitors.

Joe Duerksen who is recovering from hip replacement surgery at Bishop Spencer Place.

Markus Groebner's niece, Bailey Noel Bowles, who is hospitalized following a vehicle-related accident.

This Morning at Rainbow

Following worship and coffee time this morning, the winter quarter Sunday School classes will begin for children, youth and adults. Paper copies of adult class options, class descriptions and classroom assignments can be found at the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

Announcements

Interested in formalizing your involvement at Rainbow through church membership? We will recognize new members in worship again in mid-January. If you would like more information about church membership at Rainbow, please contact Ruth at ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Annual Reports are due by 9am tomorrow morning, January 8. Please email your report to office@rainbowmennonite.org prior to this deadline.

A new church directory will be printed in February. Please email any contact updates to Carrie Parsons at office@rainbowmennonite.org. If you would like to confirm what information the church currently has on file for you, see the most recently updated version of the directory on the church website under the Congregational Login page. You may also include your contact information on the sign in sheets in the pews.

Budget Update - thanks to generous sharing of financial resources in the final week of 2017, we were able to meet the challenge of covering our expenses for the year. While it will still be another week for the final results to be determined, it appears that we will have a little extra that can be added back to funds that were trimmed back when preparing the 2017 budget. Thanks again to everyone for responding to the call to meet our budget.

Saturday, January 13th at 9am will be the time to gather the Christmas decorations around the church and pack them away for the year. The Visual Arts Committee needs volunteers to help and promises the decorations come down and pack faster than they go up, so are looking for help between 9 and 11 a.m. (or perhaps even less time with many hands helping).

Rainbow Retreat Planning - January 25th at 7pm in the Sunflower Room. This will be the first planning session for Rainbow's 2018 church retreat. Keeping in line with proposed congregational goals, classic anti-racist concepts of power, privilege, and identity will be the retreat's focus. Our learning will help further the goal of dismantling racism at individual and institutional levels. There will be a variety of planning tasks that can be chosen based on interest and level of time commitment. If you would like to help, but are not able to attend this first session, or if you have any other questions, contact Joshua Chittum.

Save the date! Our annual business meeting will be Sunday, January 28 following an 11:30am potluck. Please plan to attend!

With a New Year comes new volunteers! To accommodate these new volunteers there will be a **safe sanctuary training on January 28th** beginning promptly at 10:50am so we can all be on time for the potluck. Safe Sanctuary is required annually for all volunteers working with children and youth (SS teachers, mentors, sponsors, nursery, WorshipArts, faith formation board), deacons, and church council. If you completed this training in the fall of 2017 you are good to go until the fall of 2018 when the next round of training sessions begin.

There is a bulletin board in the nursery that is completely blank! Please help us fill it up by providing a picture of your baby/toddler along with their birth date. You can place the printed picture in the office mailbox or you can email a photo to the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org. Your child's photo will be hung on the bulletin board along with a label stating his/her name and birth date.

Are you interested in possibly doing a week of hurricane relief through MDS in late April or early May? For details contact Robert Kaufman.

In the event of **inclement weather**, church-related cancellation notices will appear on the home page of our church website. An email will also be sent to the congregation and the church facebook page will be updated.

Youth Updates

Jr High and Sr High youth group will meet tonight from 6-8pm at the church. Come prepared for a new year of food, fun, and fellowship!

Staff Updates

Rosi Kaufman has been away this weekend attending a Mennonite Music and Worship Leaders retreat January 5-7.

Community Event

A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. interfaith service will take place this afternoon at 3:30 pm at Community Christian Church ([4601 Main St, Kansas City, MO](#)). Their keynote speaker will be Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

December 31

Attendance.....	106
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2
General Fund	\$ 36,607.21
Other Donations	\$ 11,721.00
Total Offering	\$ 48,328.21

This Week

Sunday	Jan 7	Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Jan 8	Annual Reports Due	9:00am
Tuesday	Jan 9	Deacons' Breakfast	7:00am
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 10	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan 11	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jan 13	Faith Formation Board Retreat	9:00am

Next Week

Tuesday	Jan 16	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Jan 17	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Saturday	Jan 20	Outreach Retreat	9:00am