

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 14, 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 ushers and greeters are **Ken, Carrie, Eva and Owyn Parsons**. 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 **Carol Buller, Stan Buller and Joel Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

This Morning at Rainbow

This morning we will begin a new worship series called "Present on earth," based on The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4). Historically this prayer has been an important lens through which to see and understand Jesus. It is, as some argue, a hymn of hope and revolutionary manifesto for all humanity as it cries out for justice, bread, forgiveness and deliverance.

The Rainbow Worship Committee invites everyone to join in exploring this prayer using one or more of these methods:

- Make the Lord's Prayer the framework for regular daily praying. Take each clause at a time, and, call into mind the particular things you want to pray for under that heading.
- Repeat the prayer slowly, again and again, in the rhythm of your breathing. Next time you are on a walk or in a car, leave the radio switched off, and give it a try.
- Take the clauses of the prayer one by one and make each in turn your prayer for the day. Sunday: Our Father. Monday: Hallowed be thy Name. Tuesday: Thy Kingdom Come. Wednesday: Give us this day. Thursday: Forgive us our trespasses/sins. Friday: Deliver us from evil. Saturday: The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory. Use the clause of the day to pray for the people you meet and the things you're doing.

Remembering in Prayer...

Pat Bertsche who fell Thursday afternoon and broke her right wrist. She is doing okay, but is sore, bruised and will likely require surgery.

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.

Announcements

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.

Rosi Penner Kaufman and Mitch Kaufman will present a "preview" recital on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. It will include music for organ and organ and trombone, around the theme of "Moved by the Spirit." The recital will include works by Pietro Yon, Jakob Praetorius, Frank Bridge, Gardner Read and J.S. Bach. We're playing the same recital at Bethel College in a few weeks and we need a run-through.

Mennonite Disaster Service Kansas Unit Annual Meeting is January 21, at Journey Mennonite Church, 808 South Poplar Street, South Hutchinson. The meeting at 2 pm will include reporting from the Ashland and Eureka projects.

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.

Our annual business meeting will be Sunday, January 28 following an 11:30am potluck. Please plan to attend! Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are located in the east and west foyers outside of the sanctuary. A digital copy can be found on the church website under the Congregational Login page or you can link to the report in coming midweek emails.

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.

Are you interested in possibly doing a week of hurricane relief through Mennonite Disaster Service 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

All jr high youth are invited for breakfast on Sunday, January 21st beginning at 8:30am in the jr high Sunday School classroom. See you there!

Sr high lunch discussion will be held on Sunday, January 21st. This month (as requested) Joshua and Tina will join the sr high youth in the sr high Sunday School classroom during the worship service to listen to the service together. Meet in the sr high ss room by 9:30am. Following the service until 12:30pm, we will discuss the service experience together and eat a delicious lunch.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of town January 15-20. For pastoral concerns or emergencies, please contact Deacon Richard VanDyke at 913-709- 2082.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Attendance.....	140
Visitors (included in attendance count)	0
General Fund	\$ 9,269.00
Other Donations	\$ 354.25
Total Offering	\$ 9,623.25
Online Giving for week of December 30, 2017	\$ 72,061.60

This Week

Monday	Jan 15	Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day	
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

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 21	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	11:00am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Organ and Trombone Recital	4:00pm
		Catechism Class	6:00pm
Monday	Jan 22	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Jan 23	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Jan 24	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Thursday	Jan 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
		Church Retreat Planning Meeting	7:00pm