

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## February 4, 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 are **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Lori Lichty**. 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, Carrie and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- ❖ Sharon Franz Morford and David Morford as David's mother, Vivian Morford, passed away at the age of 91 last weekend in Texas.
- ❖ Leo Goertz was released from Shawnee Mission Medical Center on January 30 after treatment for an infection. He is now home and will be receiving some home health care services for his recovery that may be extended as needed. We thank the members and friends of the Church for their visits and for their expressions of concern and well-being. The support of our community has been invaluable.  
~ Kenn Goertz
- ❖ Pat Bertsche is home recovering from blocked ostomy surgery while also healing a broken wrist. If you would like to provide a meal for Pat and John, please contact the church office at [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) or use the link in the midweek email to sign up for a specific day.
- ❖ Linda Emory is recovering at Villa St. Francis Catholic Care Center after her recent leg amputation.
- ❖ Betty Bodine and Joe Duerksen are receiving care at Benton House of Lenexa.

### Present on Earth: The Lord's Prayer...

Our current worship series is 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.

## Announcements

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Help Rainbow send some love and support to our 6 college students with a **Rainbow college care package!** The faith formation board will be collecting healthy snacks, fun gadgets, or notes of support from **February 4th to February 11th**. Items will be collected in individual boxes in the fellowship hall during these 2 Sundays.

Homemade is a nice treat, but anything is welcome! Please note there is one vegan and one vegetarian in the group.

Everyone is invited to a **candlelight vesper (early evening) service starting at 6:30pm on Ash Wednesday, February 14**. Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent. Please note there will be no choir rehearsal or meal this evening.

This past fall Rainbow children and youth collected enough money and hygiene items to fill 223 Mennonite Central Committee Hygiene Kits from their Sunday School offering! This semester (until April 8th) we will be collecting coins for **MCC's My Coins Count project**. Sr high youth will take all of these coins collected to the MCC Sale April 13-14. Let's see if we can fill each one of those buckets in our Sunday School rooms!

Looking for acts, or a variety skills, or a bit of talent for the **Variety Show Extravaganza** the youth group will be hosting on Sunday, March 4th from 6-8pm. Youth will be providing desserts for all to enjoy. Please email Renee at [renee@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:renee@rainbowmennonite.org) if you are interested in participating in the Variety Show (open for all to participate).

**2017 year end contribution letters** are now in your church mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox, your letter was mailed to your home address. If you did not receive a letter, or if you don't have a mailbox and would like one, please contact the church office at [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org).

## Youth Updates

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Tonight's Jr High and Sr High youth group will be held at the Penner/Kaufman home for a Super Bowl, game night, and food adventure. There will be chips, ground beef, and beans available to eat. Please bring an additional nacho bar topping to make the meal a bit more interesting! The game begins at 5:30pm and will end when somebody wins.

The next Jr High breakfast will be scheduled for Sunday, February 18th beginning at 8:30am. Meet in the Jr High Sunday School for food and community!

## Staff Updates

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Renee Reimer will be out of the office February 4th-10th taking a Hebrew Readings class at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN.

## Community Events

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**The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival** is organizing state-by-state to unite people across the U.S. to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, war & Creation degradation. Monday, February 5, allies will hold press conferences at state houses across the nation to announce 40 days of moral action, set to begin around Mother's Day.

- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly. The next KCK action is **Monday, February 5**; a caravan to the Topeka state house press conference will depart at 9 AM from and return by 12 PM to KCK's Community Health Council (8th & Armstrong).
- **To get involved in KCMO**, contact Ben Sutter Parker. The next major KCMO action is **Monday, February 12**; bring your lunch to 4526 Paseo for a noon march to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the start of the Memphis sanitation strike.

## Mennonite News

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Two Everence representatives, Mitch Stutzman and Hayden Goerzen, will be joining us on **Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>** to provide information about Everence products and services during coffee time and Sunday School. Please contact Janelle Campbell with any questions.

Everence is offering a special opportunity for individuals who plan to attend college in the fall. Full time students who have a relationship with Everence are eligible to apply for Everence college scholarships. **Scholarship applications will be accepted now through February 28, 2018.** You can find a scholarship application form along with more information about our scholarship and grant programs on our website.

## Camp Mennoscah ([campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org))

- Register online for **2018 Summer Youth Camp and 2018 Retreats**. Upcoming retreats include the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats (Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4) and the Youth Volunteer Weekend (March 16-17).
- Apply online if you would like to be on summer staff at Camp Mennoscah.

**Raise the Roof in Song:** Hymn Sing and Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) on Sunday, February 18, 4 pm (doors open at 3:30 pm to view auction items) at Southern Hills Mennonite Church. Join us in a fun way to raise funds for MDS.

**January 28, 2018**

Attendance.....	178
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	9
General Fund .....	\$ 7,555.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 98.50
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,653.50</b>

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**This Week**

Sunday	Feb 4	Youth Group Super Bowl Party	5:00pm
Tuesday	Feb 6	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Feb 7	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Feb 8	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

**Next Week**

Sunday	Feb 11	Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
		Catechism Class	6:00pm
Monday	Feb 12	Rainbows on the Run	7:30pm
Tuesday	Feb 13	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Feb 14	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
		Ash Wednesday Service	6:30pm
Friday	Feb 16	Sr High Snow Camp through Sunday, Feb 18	
Sunday	Feb 18	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am

**Adult Education Options through February 25**

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*The Flight of Peter Fromm*  
**by Martin Gardner**  
 Facilitator: Clif Hostetler, Room 111

*God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* **by Bradley Roth**  
 Facilitator: Eric Jantzen, Library

*Girls & Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape* **by Peggy Orenstein**  
 Facilitators: Kenn Goertz & Sallie Page-Goertz, Sunflower Room

*The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart* **by Peter J. Gomes**  
 Facilitators: Bill Gourley & Pastor Ruth Harder, Wesley Room