

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 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 **Dan Duncan and Jerry Jantz**. Greeters are **Melissa Funk and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Tara Lindahl, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

- * Please continue to pray for Phyllis and Bob Carlson as Phyllis recovers from her recent surgery to remove oral carcinoma.
- * For updates on Leo Goertz, please go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/leogoertz
Overall, Leo is resting comfortably, and accepts some visiting. Please check with the family to schedule the best time and to avoid over-tiring him. ~ Kenn Goertz
- * Please continue to pray for Linda Emory who is recovering from a recent leg amputation, as well as a recent infection which required additional hospitalization this week. She is currently back at Villa St Francis.

During the Season of Lent...

Today is the third Sunday in Lent. Over this 40 day period of repentance and renewal, we will have opportunities to journey with Jesus, who long ago approached Jerusalem and wept, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace." (Luke 19:41-42) Thank you to Seth Campbell for creating and donating the origami cranes, which have become a symbol of peace in our modern world. Also front and center is the Mennonite Church USA Peace Lamp. This lamp is a replica of the Peace Lamp given to the President of Iran by a delegation of American religious leaders in 2007. This Peace Lamp will burn throughout season of Lent calling us to express our hope for Peace through ongoing action and prayer.

The Worship Committee will host early evening prayer services, known as Vespers, on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. A baked potato bar will be available beginning at 5:45. Anyone attending the prayer service is welcome to stay for potatoes afterwards. Suggested meal donation: \$5 or maximum \$15 per family.

Children's Time will include collecting coins for **Mennonite Central Committee's *My Coins Count Project***. This is a great way for children, adults, and the whole church to become involved in the relief work of MCC around the world. Our spare change can add up - last year during lent we collected \$926.47 in coins! Keep looking under couch cushions and in your car for those coins and bring them each Sunday to the morning worship services during the season of Lent.

Today at Rainbow

During today's Sunday School hour Church Council invites everyone to participate in one more round of table talks to discuss Rainbow congregational goal setting. Please come ready to review and give feedback on an updated draft prepared by Church Council. Pending feedback received on the 4th, Church Council hopes to bring forward a final listing of goals for congregational approval at our April 29 congregational meeting. Next Sunday, Spring Adult Education Classes will begin.

You are invited to an evening of desserts and laughter **tonight for the 4th annual Variety Show Extravaganza from 6-8pm, hosted by the youth group!** All are welcome to this sure to be wonderful time together in the church performing arts center (AKA: the fellowship hall) and will include entertainment by all sorts of folks! The youth will be providing desserts for donation to raise funds for upcoming trips.

Announcements

The week known as Holy Week for Christians is fast approaching! All are invited to a **Maundy Thursday communion and supper gathering from 6:30-8pm Thursday, March 29**. Stay tuned for other Holy Week activities including the Whitmore Playground Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 10:30am.

Rainbow Garden has announced its "**Help Rainbow Summer Program Grow**" volunteer dates! Volunteers will help prepare our beds for the Rainbow Summer Program kids, who will spend mornings through the term learning where their food comes from! We need pairs of working hands for light working of our garden beds on the following Saturdays from 9am - noon: March 17, April 14, May 12, June 9. Mark your calendars and contact Aaron Barnhart if you have questions!

Know anyone who is interested in volunteering with **Mennonite Voluntary Service**? We have four great placement options here in KC, including a new placement here at Rainbow! Please spread the word and encourage people you know to look into it!

Rainbow Summer Program is hiring summer interns! Interns serve in the classrooms during the program and are paid a stipend of \$2,800 for the summer. For more information on how to apply, please visit the Rainbow website and choose “Rainbow Summer Program” under the “Serve” tab.

Staff Updates

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office March 9, 12 and 13.

On Friday, March 9, I will be traveling to Newton to meet with Heidi Regier Kreider, conference minister, and the Leadership Commission of Western District Conference, a group of six pastors who are responsible for credentialing ministers. I expect it to be about an hour long conversation, a chance for them to ask me about my sense of calling as a musician and music minister and how that aligns with my work at Rainbow. It's also their opportunity to review the theological study I've accomplished over the last four years. I expect that they will ask some hard questions. Karen Hostetler is going along as an observer and to support me. ~ Rosi Penner Kaufman

Community Events

From Rainbow Peace and Social Justice Network:

- The Women’s March’s Youth EMPOWER group is planning a national school walkout on March 14 at 10 a.m. Organizers are encouraging teachers, students, administrators, parents and allies to walk out for 17 minutes—one for every person killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
- There is also a KC march scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 1 pm-4 pm. This is part of the nationwide effort to advocate for gun reform. The march will begin at JC Nichols Memorial Fountain at Mill Creek Park (50 W 47th Street KCMO).

Mennonite News

Register for 2018 **Camp Mennoscah** camps and retreats or apply for summer staff positions online at campmennoscah.org.

February 25, 2018

Attendance.....	115	
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4	
General Fund	\$	8,165.00
Other Donations	\$	168.50
Total Offering	\$	8,333.50

This Week

Sunday	Mar 4	Third Sunday in Lent Congregational Goal Table Talks	10:50am
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00pm
		Rainbow Guest House Meeting	1:30pm
		Variety Show Extravaganza	6:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 6	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 7	Outreach Committee Meeting	1:30pm
		Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 8	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
		Retreat Planning Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 11	Fourth Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Begins) Adult Education Spring Quarter Begins	
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 13	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Mar 14	Women's Luncheon	11:00pm
		Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm