

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 18, 2018

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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. 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, for ages 0-4, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Liz Stamper, Janelle Schrag and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Remembering in Prayer...

Please join in offering condolences and prayers to Michelle, Kendric, Gabriela and Delaney Beachey. Michelle's father, Mike, passed away on Sunday, March 11.

This Week: The Worship Committee will host its final Lenten early evening prayer service on Wednesday at 6:00pm. A baked potato bar will be available to all beginning at 5:45. Suggested meal donation: \$5 or maximum \$15 per family.

Announcements

We are still collecting coins for **Mennonite Central Committee's *My Coins Count Project***. After this morning, please drop them in the buckets located in the fellowship hall and children's Sunday School rooms.

Nursery Notes

- For those who utilize the nursery, we are happy you are here! If you take your little ones to get donuts after church, please communicate with the volunteers if you are planning to bring them back up for the Sunday School hour.
- We are soon going to clear out some toys. If you have donated items that you would like to reclaim, please contact Natasha VanDyke, otherwise, the items may be donated somewhere else.

Join the volunteers going to Victoria Co., Texas April 8-14 to do home repair and/or new construction through Mennonite Disaster Service. For more details contact Robert Kaufman at 913-558-4451 or bertro.kaufman@gmail.com

Calling all runners, walkers, Rosedale lovers, and anyone who knows of Rainbow: The youth group is hosting the first ever (a pilot year!) ***Rainbows on the Run 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 9:00am.*** Enjoy running or walking with friends and family and getting to know the neighborhood around the church together. Plus, everyone will have the opportunity to win PRIZES! See midweek email for a link to register or contact the church office.

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: April 14, May 12, June 9. Mark your calendars and contact Aaron Barnhart if you have questions.

Rainbow Summer Program News

- **Enrollment Night:** Rainbow Summer Program is hosting its enrollment night on Thursday March 22 and we need some volunteers to staff the various tables from 5-7:30 pm. Email Ashton Wells at sharinginrosedale@gmail.com.
- **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 see the Rainbow website under the serve tab.
- **Hiring Aftercare Coordinator:** This position is responsible for 20-25 scholars from 3:00-5:30 pm M-F, coordinating activities and working with volunteers. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to sharinginrosedale@gmail.com.

It is with excitement and sadness that I announce that I am leaving the Executive Director position at Sharing Community in Rosedale at the end of March. I am grateful for the time that I have spent working with this organization and the nearly five years I have spent working in the Rainbow community. I love this community and plan to be a part of it through my continued membership at Rainbow Mennonite Church. I have accepted a position with the American Cancer Society, an organization that is near and dear to me after walking with my younger sister through her cancer diagnosis and treatment the past two years. Strong plans are underway for the summer program this summer and I trust that the leadership that has been put in place will lead the program in a successful summer. Thank you all for your support during this time of transition. ~ Ashton Wells

Youth Updates

The Jr High lockin will be held on Friday, March 30th at 6pm. We will be preparing for the Easter Egg hunt Friday evening and helping to set-up on Saturday morning. Please RSVP to Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org if you plan to attend.

Staff Updates

On March 9, the Ministerial Leadership Commission of Western District Conference approved Rosi Penner Kaufman for licensing for ordination. A service of licensing will take place during a future Rainbow worship service.

Community Events

From Rainbow Peace and Social Justice Network:

- **March for our Lives- Greater Kansas City** is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 12 pm-4pm. This is part of the nationwide effort to advocate for gun reform. The march will begin at Theis Park, across from the Nelson-Atkins (533 Emanuel Cleaver Blvd, KCMO 64110).
- **For those interested in attending this intergenerational event, look for information coming soon about meeting up at Rainbow to march as a church community.** If you plan to march with the Rainbow group, RSVP using the link in the midweek email or contact the church office so we can coordinate transportation.

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.

- **To get involved in KCMO**, contact Ben Parker Sutter. The next major KCMO event is the Poor People's Campaign Faith Assembly on Saturday, March 24 from 3-5pm at Community Christian Church, 4601 Main St, KCMO 64112. **NOTE THE NEW TIME AND LOCATION**, which will take place after and down the street from the March for Our Lives. Join local leaders and national faith leaders, Rev. Liz Theoharris and Rev. Jimmie Hawkins for a special day of learning, multi-racial movement building, and strategizing.
- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly Hunter. The next Kansas conference call will be 6:30-7 pm the first Tuesday of the month.

This month's Next Chapter Kansas City forum will feature an Author Talk by Lewis Diuguid speaking about his book *Our Fathers: Making Black Men*, which is a memoir about his father. The presentation will also include suggestions on how to write a memoir. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library on March 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Contact Karen Hostetler for info.

March 11, 2018

Attendance.....	150
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 5,018.00
Other Donations	\$ 1609.00
Total Offering	\$ 6,627.00

This Week

Sunday	Mar 18	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Rainbows on the Run Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 20	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday	Mar 21	Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 22	Summer Program Enrollment	5:30pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Mar 24	Playground Work Day	8:00am
		March for Our Lives	12:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 25	Palm Sunday	
Monday	Mar 26	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Mar 27	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Mar 28	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 29	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30pm
Friday	Mar 30	Jr High Lockin	6:30pm
Saturday	Mar 31	Easter Egg Hunt	10:30am

Adult Education Options

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness by Michelle Alexander
Facilitator: James Rexford Room 111

Reading the Gospel of Luke as Mennonites Today

Facilitator: Leroy Seat and Ruth Harder Wesley Room

Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler

Facilitators Dale Graham and Ed Neufeld Sunflower Room