

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 1, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. Greeters are **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Carrie Parsons and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

- ◆ We share the news that Harold "Hal" Boyts died in his sleep this past Wednesday morning at his place of residence at Schowalter Villa in Hesston, KS. Hal and his deceased wife, Bernita, were loyal Rainbow members for many years, even after moving to Hesston close to five years ago. Please pray for Hal's adult children, Michelle, Mike and Rick, as well as Hal's grandchildren here in Kansas City, Claire and Nick Boyts and their mother, Catherine Boyts. A Celebration of Life service will be held here at Rainbow on Wednesday, April 4 at 2:00pm followed by a light refreshment reception.
- ◆ We celebrate with George Houghton, who celebrated his 90th birthday this week on March 27! We also celebrate with Martha Goeke who turns 90 on April 2. This means Rainbow's 90 and over club has a membership of seven! (Leo Goertz, Irene Stewart, Fred Smith, Joe Duerksen and Betty Bodine)
- ◆ Please pray for Laura Schmidt who is receiving rehab care at Bishop Spencer Place after falling recently and suffering two breaks in her leg.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for Linda Emory who is transferring to home healthcare this weekend while she continues to recover from leg amputation surgery.

Announcements

If anyone is interested in donating cookies for Hal Boyts' Celebration of Life service this Wednesday, April 4, please contact Becky Bartel at 913-915-9328.

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.

Thank you to all who helped clean up Whitmore Playground last Saturday. We spread 10 cubic yards of mulch, trimmed bushes, pulled weeds, raked leaves and cleaned up the sidewalks. The playground looks good! **Thank you from The Playground Committee!**

On Sunday, April 8th, there will be a **mentor/mentee lunch** at noon. Lunch will be provided, but mentors are welcome to bring a dessert if they would like. New mentor/mentee pairs will be introduced. Please RSVP to Tara Lindahl or Renee Reimer at rener@rainbowmennonite.org by April 4th.

Mennonite Disaster Service Trip, April 8–14: This project will involve home construction in Victoria, Texas. Volunteers include Dave Becker, Dan Duncan, Eugene Kaufman, Mitch Kaufman, Robert Kaufman, John Schmidt, Mark Unruh, Scott Weast, and Todd Zehner. Please hold this trip and their efforts in your prayers.

On Thursday, April 12, at 7:00pm, the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee will host the **Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Harp Ensemble**. Fourteen student harpists, lead by Eisenhower Middle School teacher Aimee DeSotel, will perform on harps owned by the KCK School District. There are only twenty-plus harp ensembles in public schools in the entire USA! Roseanne Gortenburg, a professional harpist from Bonner Springs, will also perform for us. This will be a great opportunity to connect with our community and become more informed about our school district.

Calling all runners, walkers, Rosedale lovers, and anyone who knows of Rainbow: The youth group is hosting the first ever ***Rainbows on the Run 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 9:00am.*** Enjoy running or walking with friends and family while 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.

Save the date for our next **congregational meeting, Sunday, April 29.** Potluck will begin at 11:30am with meeting to follow.

There is a new Mennonite church in Kansas City! Eden Life Church is located at 4233 Independence Ave in KCMO. A welcome letter has been sent from Church Council.

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed Monday, April 2 for the Easter holiday.

Rainbow Summer Program News

- **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.

Mennonite Church News

There will be a **Lunch & Learn at Mennonite Central Committee** in North Newton on April 5. Joanna Shenk will share about her new book, *The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK*. If you can't make it to the lunch, consider joining virtually via webinar. To RSVP or link to the webinar, please see the midweek email or contact the church office.

Our local Mennonite camp, **Camp Mennoscah**, is accepting registrations for summer camps. Register at campmennoscah.org. If you or someone you know is in need of a scholarship, please contact Deacon Chair, Amy Kliewer or Pastor Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org).

Community Events

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 at BenParkerSutter@gmail.com. We're starting to look forward to possible civil disobedience actions in the coming months. Contact Ben if this is something that interests you!
- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly at Kimberly@Rosedale.org. Mark your calendars for the Truth Train set for Saturday afternoon, April 28.

All-Rosedale Cleanup, Saturday, April 28, 8am-1pm: RDA is seeking cleanup teams to meet at Fisher Park for orientation at 8am. Gloves, water, snacks, and trash bags will be provided, and afterwards everyone is invited to a celebratory cookout in

Fisher Park. The team with the most participants wins a park party. To register, contact Kimberly at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org.

March 25, 2018

Attendance.....	197
Visitors (included in attendance count)	15
General Fund	\$ 4,787.55
Other Donations	\$ 192.09
February Online Giving	\$ 3,335.30
Total Offering (Last Sunday and Feb Online Giving)	\$ 8,314.94

This Week

Sunday	April 1	Easter Sunday & Baptisms	
Monday	April 2	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	April 3	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	April 4	Celebration of Life Service for Harold Boyts	2:00pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Friday	April 6	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am

Next Week

Sunday	April 8	Mentor Lunch	12:00pm
Monday	April 9	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	April 10	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	April 11	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	April 12	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
		KCK Harp Ensemble	7:00pm
Friday	April 13	Sr High to MCC Sale	

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