

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## April 22, 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 and greeters are **Dave, Janelle, Hannah and Larissa Schrag**. 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 children birth - four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Karen, Lia and Thuy Uhlenhuth**.

Closing Trustee: **Steven Cress**

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- We sadly share that, Tuesday, April 17, Leo Goertz, died in his home. He would have celebrated his 96th birthday later this month (April 30). Leo, one of Rainbow's charter members, loved Rainbow Mennonite Church, and so may we return that love through our prayers and loved offered to the Goertz family.
- Becca Claassen's grandmother, Anna Mast, died recently. Services were held for Anna in Goshen, IN this past Monday, April 16.
- Please continue to pray for Laura Schmidt who is recovering from two breaks in her leg at Benton House of Staley Hills.
- *Gifts of cards, flowers, foods, prayers and visits fed our bodies and our hearts. It was humbling to be the recipients of such thoughtfulness. These expressions contribute to the continuing healing processes.* ~ Bob and Phyllis Carlson
- *Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy following the recent death of Harold Boyts. We appreciate the many remembrances of both Harold and Bernita- we miss them both.* ~ Catherine, Nick and Claire Boyts

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### This Morning at Rainbow

Today is Earth Day, and at Rainbow we choose to remember our ties to the good soil. For the last year we've collected unspoken prayers in our prayer bowl; this morning during worship the shredded papers will be blessed and added to the compost bin in the hopes that they will strengthen and enrich our ground.

Last chance for church directory photos! Come to the fellowship hall after worship this morning to have your picture taken and take a look at a draft directory to make sure all of your information is correct. If you have a photo you wish to be included, please email it to [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) saved as a jpeg by April 24.

There will be a gathering today at 11:50am in the Rainbow Remembrance Garden. We will install a brick in honor of Pablo Escareno, who died on December 12, 2017. All are welcome as we give thanks for this man who was an extraordinary neighbor to Rainbow and who was much appreciated by the Rosedale community.

## **Announcements**

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***Rainbows on the Run 5K run/walk*** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th** as a fundraiser for Rainbows youth group. **Check in time begins at 8:30am** with the run/walk starting at 9am. Fastest time, best rainbow costume, and winner of a family fun scavenger hunt could win a cake by Kathy Kaufman or Caitlin Linscheid or gift cards to local Rosedale businesses! See midweek email for a link to register and pay.

Our spring **congregational meeting and meal** is next Sunday, April 29. A meal will be provided at 11:30am with a meeting to follow. The meal will be served as a fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service. Digital copies of the agenda and final draft of the congregational goals can be found in Wednesday's midweek email or you can pick up a hard copy this morning in the east and west foyers.

Do you have a graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming **Rainbow Graduate List**. Please email your student's name, current school (and their degree, if applicable) by May 15 to [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)

The last day of children's and youth Sunday School for the spring semester will be May 20th. There will be no Sunday School this summer.

## **Staff Updates**

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**Rainbow Mennonite Church is hiring!** Personnel Committee, with support of Rainbow Church Council, is searching for an Interim Youth and Outreach Ministries Director (June 2018-July 2019). The job description and posting is on the home page of our church website at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org). Or email Personnel Committee Chair, Nancy Gritman. Applications are due May 1.

Terry Rouse will be out of the office on April 26 and 27 this week.

## **Youth Updates**

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The final youth sonic chat is next Sunday, April 29th. Drinks will be provided for youth present during the congregational meeting!

## Member Updates

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Abigail Gritman and Joel Bollinger are in the cast of the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Westridge Middle School. Madeline Bollinger is also participating in a special alumni chorus. The performances are Friday, May 4 at 7:00pm, Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 & 7:00, and Sunday, May 6 at 2:00pm. Regular ticket reservations (\$5) will open to the public on April 23. Please email Nancy Gritman or Jan Good-Bollinger if you would like one of us to order tickets for you.

World's Window and owners Jan and Lonnie Buerge are in the midst of their annual "Flipping Favorites" clothing drive for Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence program and shelter. Donations of clean, gently-used and new women's clothing are needed for women trying to make a new start free of abuse. Donations accepted through Monday, May 7th and then a big "Flipping Favorites" grand finale party with their \$10-per-hanger clothing shopping benefit for Rose Brooks. For more information, see <http://www.worldswindowkc.com/events>.

## Camp Mennoscah

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Camp Mennoscah Executive Director, Michael Unruh, will be at Rainbow on Sunday, April 29. He will share some camp highlights during worship and then lead the Sunday School hour with junior and senior high students.

Camp Mennoscah is accepting registrations for summer camps. If you or someone you know is in need of a scholarship, please contact Deacon Chair, Amy Kliwer or Pastor Ruth ([ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)).

## Community Events

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Sandra Lyke, MA, LCSW, and psychiatric social worker will speak at the **Next Chapter Kansas City** April 24 forum on the topic of "Yes, Your Brain May Improve with Age." This free forum will be held 6:00-7:30pm at the West Wyandotte Library. Contact Karen Hostetler for information.

**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. We're starting to look forward to possible civil disobedience actions in the coming months.
- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly Hunter. 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 Hunter.

**April 15, 2018**

Attendance.....	111	
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	2	
General Fund .....	\$	2,781.50
Other Donations .....	\$	151.00
<b>Total Offering</b> .....	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,932.50</b>

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**This Week**

Sunday	April 22	Pablo Escareno Gathering	11:50am
Tuesday	April 24	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	April 25	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	April 26	MVS Support Board Meeting	5:30pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	April 28	Rainbows on the Run 5K	9:00am

**Next Week**

Sunday	April 29	Congregational MDS Fundraiser Meal	11:30am
		Youth Sonic Chat	11:50am
		Congregational Meeting	12:15pm
Monday	April 30	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	May 1	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm

**Adult Education Options**

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*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