

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 29, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

We invite you to sign our friendship register when it is passed during the offering. Between the worship service and Sunday School, please consider joining us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Look for the Welcome Table!

Today's ushers and **Brad and Nancy Grittman**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Carol Buller, Stan Buller and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustees: **Brad Grittman & Robert Kaufman**

This Morning at Rainbow...

- We welcome Camp Mennoscah Executive Director, Michael Unruh! He will share some camp highlights during worship and then lead the Sunday School hour with junior and senior high students.
- **Final call for church directory photos!**
Come to the fellowship hall after worship this morning to have your photo taken and review a printed version of the directory on which you can note any needed changes or updates. If you already have a photo (saved as a jpeg), please email it to office@rainbowmennonite.org no later than April 30.
- **11:30am Meal Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)**
The lunch served today is a fundraiser to replenish the MDS fund for future groups. All the fixings for Amish Haystacks (Amish taco salad), as well as desserts, will be provided by the MDS group. You do not need to bring anything except your checkbook! Even if you are not able to stay for the meeting, please enjoy the meal.
- **12:15pm Congregational Meeting**
Our spring congregational meeting is this this afternoon in the fellowship hall following the MDS meal. A supervised activity for children will be provided during the meeting. Printed copies of the meeting documents will be available.

Remembering in Prayer...

On Tuesday, April 17, Leo Goertz, died in his home. 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. His funeral will be on Saturday, May 19 (time yet to be determined).

Please pray for Amy Kliewer as she recovers at home from Monday's hip replacement surgery. And pray that her husband Rod can keep up with her!

Announcements

Next Sunday, May 6, around 20-25 Mennonite youth pastors from around the United States will be joining Rainbow for worship, following a gathering for these leaders May 4-6th in downtown Kansas City. (One of the reasons they are gathering in Kansas City this year is to get acquainted with the city before the MCUSA Convention, which will be held in downtown Kansas City July 2-6th, 2019.) As a gesture of hospitality, we have invited these Mennonite youth leaders to stay for lunch. Therefore, if you would like to provide a dessert or toppings for a salad bar, please notify the church office. Contact Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org.

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

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.

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 Kliewer or Pastor Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org).

Youth Updates

The final youth sonic chat is today. Drinks will be provided for youth present during the congregational meeting.

The May youth group activity will be held on Sunday, May 6th from 5-8pm. Note the earlier time this month! This is to allow us some extra travel time for a progressive dinner at fellow Rainbownite's homes. Please arrive at church no later than 5pm if you plan to attend. RSVP to Renee before May 6th so we know to reserve a seat for you.

Staff Updates

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. Or email Personnel Committee Chair, Nancy Grittman. Applications are due May 1.

Carrie Parsons will be out of the office May 3rd & 4th.

Member Updates

Join the East Hill Singers for two Spring 2018 concerts. This unique choir, consisting of minimum security inmates and volunteer community singers, has been entertaining audiences for more than 20 years. Rainbow attendees Duane Graber, Clif Hostetler, Duane Krehbiel, George Melby and Wendell Selzer are all participants in the choir. Each concert starts at 4:00pm with an Art Exhibit and Sale opening at 3pm.

- **Today!** at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS
- Sunday, May 6 at First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS

Abigail Grittman 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 @ 7:00, Saturday, May 5 @ 2:00 & 7:00, and Sunday, May 6 @ 2:00 p.m. Online reservations (\$5) will close on May 1, with remaining seats available at the door. All seats are reserved. Payment will be due to the Westridge office within two school days of your reservation or your seats may be released. Ticket reservations can be made using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/5quG5njb1IZR7y0j2>. Please email Nancy Grittman or Jan Good-Bollinger if you would like one of us to send a payment to Westridge if you order tickets.

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.worldwindowkc.com/events>.

April 22, 2018

Attendance.....	166
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9
General Fund	\$ 8,250.00
Other Donations	\$ 514.10
Total Offering	\$ 8,764.10

This Week

Sunday	April 29	Congregational MDS Fundraiser Meal	11:30am
		Congregational Meeting	12:15pm
		Youth Sonic Chat	
Monday	April 30	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	May 1	Rainbow Guest House Meeting	12:00pm
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	May 2	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Next Week

Sunday	May 6	Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
		Youth Group Progressive Dinner	5:00pm
Tuesday	May 8	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	May 9	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	May 10	Trustee's Meeting	7:00pm

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