

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 24, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to 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 join us for coffee and donuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Visitors and newcomers, please look for the Rainbow Connections Table!

This morning's ushers **David Bluford, Eric Jantzen and Alex Jantzen**. Greeters are **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. Please ask 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 and is available for children from birth to age 4. This morning's nursery workers are **Heidi Braun and Owyn Parsons**.

The closing trustee is **Scott Weast**.

This Morning at Rainbow...

Our guest speaker this morning is Michael Unruh. Michael has been Executive Director at Camp Mennoscah since September 2016. In addition to his work with camp, Michael is also pursuing a Masters of Divinity in Christian Faith Formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. God has drawn Michael out to camp time and time again, and he is thankful for the opportunity to encourage others to come experience God through God's creation and God's people at Camp Mennoscah. Michael and his wife Lina live in Wichita with their 2-year-old black lab, Phog.

- Worship 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:25am
- Children & Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
 - *Historical Jesus* by Bart Ehrman, Ph.D. - Facilitator: Clif Hostetler, Room 111
 - *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult - Facilitator: June Seat, Library
 - *Einstein's God - Conversations About Science & the Human Spirit* by Krista Tippett – Facilitator: Keith Jantz, Wesley Room
 - *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt - Facilitator: Mike Hiebert, Sunflower Room

Announcements

During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons are taking turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. Amy Kliewer (913-908-0494) is on call through today. Leah Schwarz (316-217-2891) will be on call Feb. 25 – Mar. 10.

Be sure to see Pastor Ruth's recent blog post which includes a movie with pictures and narration, providing glimpse into her sabbatical so far.

<https://overandaroundtherainbow.com/2019/02/14/hello-again-from-minnesota/>

Looking for acts, or a variety skills, or a bit of talent for the **Variety Show Extravaganza** the youth group will be hosting on Sunday, March 3rd from 6-8pm. Youth will be providing desserts for all to enjoy. Please email Christian Buller at christian.buller@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in the Variety Show (open for all to participate).

While Phil Rhoads is out of town for a few weeks, Joel Campbell will be running the video camera and sound recorder in the balcony. Phil is looking for volunteers to be available as a backup for Joel during this time. If you are interested in volunteering in this way and are available Sunday mornings April 21 – May 12, please look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Phil will provide a short orientation on the equipment for each of the volunteers.

The Deacons and Janelle Arnett Campbell, Rainbow Everence Representative invite you to a Lunch and Learn meeting on March 17th from 12 to 1 p.m. Pizza will be served. Mitch Stutzman, Everence Representative will be our speaker and he will also be in church and available during the fellowship/Sunday school time. Look for more details in the weeks to come about this event.

Sunday School Collection - Children's Sunday school classes are collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) over the next several weeks. Children will be learning about what MCC does with the donated money.

Youth News and Events

Sunday, March 3: **Variety Show Extravaganza** 5:30 – 8pm. If you would like to participate, please email Christian Buller.

Did you know Rainbow can help families who need assistance with fees for Camp Mennoscah or MCUSA Convention this summer? Please contact Deacon chair, Mike Peters if this would be helpful for your family.

Mennonite Church News and Events

MennoCon19: Register online at <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/> for the Mennonite Church USA Convention this summer in Kansas City, July 2-9. Register before March 20 take advantage of lower prices. Be sure to check the box requesting a copy of the latest Mennonite hymnal. If you aren't interested in keeping one for yourself, you could save the church \$20/hymnal by donating yours to Rainbow.

Mennonite Disaster Service

- This afternoon! MDS Kansas Unit Annual meeting: Join us at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m. for a review of the past year and to hear about experiences of people who have served various places.
- Volunteers are needed from 8am- 4pm in Eureka, KS for roofing and exterior repairs. Work days include: March 1 & 2. If interested, contact Jordan Miller at 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

Everence will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning. The presentation will be on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 2 and 8 p.m. (EST). To register, visit www.everence.com/retirementincome or contact Valerie Diaz at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3349 or valerie.diaz@everence.com.

All are welcome to join in the 12th annual **Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz** on March 4, 5 and 6 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Times are Monday, 9am-5pm; Tuesday, 9am-5pm; Wednesday, 9am-4pm. No sewing skills are required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC.

Community Events

Tues, Feb 26, 6:30-7:30pm: Prep Planning for Tenant Tuesdays Support Team & Leaders at Cross-Lines in KCK. Contact Ben Parker Sutter at outreach@rainbowmennonite.org

Next Chapter Booktalking: Join us on Tuesday, February 26 for the Next Chapter KC forum and be introduced to seven selections that range from a humorous but touching tale of caregiving for aging parents to a treaty on a more positive view of our world and societal condition. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge. For more information about the books to be reviewed and to register contact Karen Hostetler. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

February 17, 2019

Attendance.....	135
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3
General Fund	\$15,244.62
Other Donations	\$609.50
Total Offering	\$ 15,854.12

This Week

Sunday	Feb 24	Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
Monday	Feb 25	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Feb 26	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Feb 27	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Feb 28	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Mar 1	RDA Team Retreat	8:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 3	Variety Show Extravaganza	6:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 5	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 6	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

*Rainbow Mennonite Church is the host congregation for Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have two volunteers living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary volunteers are joined by longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)
Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)