

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## March 3, 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 **Nancy Gritman and Darin Kaufman**. Greeters are **TBD**. 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 **Amy Ortman, Karen Uhlenhuth and Lia Uhlenhuth**.

The closing trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

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### This Morning at Rainbow...



Michelle E. Armster is the Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States. Previously, Michelle worked for MCC for 12 years. During her employment, she was the director of Mennonite Conciliation Service (MCS) and co-director for the Office on Justice and Peacebuilding (OJP). In her positions, she provided resourcing, consulting, and training for churches, agencies, and communities on conflict transformation and restorative justice. Michelle has many years of extensive training and experience in meditation, facilitation, conciliation, restorative justice, arbitration, victim/offender mediation, anti-racism, and alternatives to violence. She has served on various community boards, such as the YWCA, The SpiritHouse Project, Inc., Lancaster Mediation Center, and NAACP. She graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary's Masters of Divinity program in 2007. For 4 1/2 years, she served as a co-pastor of St. Andrew United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA. For 2 years, she served as the associate pastor for community outreach at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA. Michelle, presently, resides in Wichita, KS and is active with Wichita Griots, an African American Storytellers organization, and a member of NABS (National Association of Black Storytellers).

## **Announcements**

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During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons are taking turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. Leah Schwarz (316-217-2891) is on call through Mar. 10.

The Variety Show Extravaganza scheduled for this evening has been postponed! Information on the rescheduling of this event will be forthcoming.

We will begin the Lenten season at Rainbow with an Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 5:45 pm. All ages are welcome to this contemplative service of song, readings, prayer, candlelighting and imposition of ashes (optional). Taize services will continue each Wednesday evening through April 17.

**You Can't Spell Stewardship Without A Why.** The Deacons and Janelle Arnett Campbell, Rainbow Everence Advocate, invite you to a Lunch and Learn meeting on March 17th from 12-1pm. Pizza will be served. This presentation by Mitch Stutzman will explore the general themes of Stewardship as it relates to our financial lives. The time will be spent in discussion and study of what the scriptures tell us about our role as stewards. We will also have time for general introduction to Everence and the many products and services available. Mitch will also be in church and available during the fellowship/Sunday school time. To help determine how much food to order, please RSVP to the church office ([office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)) if you plan to attend.

While Phil Rhoads is out of town, Joel Campbell will be running the video camera and sound recorder on Sunday mornings. 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 see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday or contact Phil at [phil.rhoads@gmail.com](mailto:phil.rhoads@gmail.com). Phil will provide a short orientation on the equipment for each of the volunteers.

**Sunday School Collection** - Children's Sunday school classes are collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) over the next several weeks. Feel free to hold on to your coins until we collect in the worship service at the end of March, or deliver the coins to the buckets in the Sunday School classrooms. Children will be learning about what MCC does with the donated money. Start collecting those coins, folks!

## **Youth News and Events**

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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 ([mcp@interactioncoaching.com](mailto:mcp@interactioncoaching.com)) if this would be helpful for your family.

## Staff Updates

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- Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office March 10-17.
- Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office March 11&12, returning the afternoon of March 13.

## Special Rainbow Events this April!

\*See Rainbow's Facebook Page or Rainbow News email for links to tickets, registration or to RSVP.

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**Beating Guns Tour:** Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin, co-authors of "Beating Guns: Hope for people who are weary of violence," are coming to Rainbow Mennonite Church as part of their national book tour on April 2, 6pm. Contact Ben Parker Sutter (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) to help with planning. Register for your free ticket online.\*

**Tracy Long Memorial Basketball Camp with Jackie Stiles, April 27:** The first ever Tracy Long Memorial Basketball Camp hosted by former WNBA star Jackie Stiles at Whitmore Park will be April 27! Tracy was a fierce competitor who courageously battled ovarian cancer. Tracy and her daughters have been following Jackie Stiles since she was breaking records at Southwest Missouri State. The camp is FREE and will be held for 4th-8th grade girls. Registration is limited to the first 50 girls.\* Following the camp, Jackie will speak on resiliency and hard work at Rainbow Mennonite Church at 4:30 p.m. The event is also free, but please RSVP.\*

## Mennonite Church News and Events

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**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.

All are welcome to join in the 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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This Friday stop by Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School (1007 SW Blvd) between 5-9pm for their annual 8th Grade Taco Dinner Fundraiser. This is a fun opportunity to meet our neighbors and support youthful leaders. \$7 gets you a raffle ticket, 3 tacos, rice, beans, dessert & a drink!

## February 24, 2019

Attendance.....	141
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	2
General Fund .....	\$5,902.00
Other Donations .....	\$223.85
<b>Total Offering for Feb 24 .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,125.85</b>
February 2019 Online Giving .....	\$5,642.46

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### This Week

Monday	Mar 4	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Mar 5	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 6	Ash Wednesday Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

### Next Week

Sunday	Mar 10	First Sunday of Lent / Communion Sunday	
Tuesday	Mar 12	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 13	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Taize Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 14	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

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