

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## March 31, 2019

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 **Jonathan Bollinger, Nancy Grittman, Lia Uhlenhuth**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Kelsey Allison, Karen Uhlenhuth and Madeline Bollinger**. The closing trustee is **David Becker**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

*My deep thanks to the Rainbow congregation for the many ways you've shown support and care in my mom's progressive illness and recent death. As we celebrated her life in Newton recently, we felt the love from Rainbow carried by several members of this congregation in attendance - including four, who as former students of Mom's, sang in an alumni ensemble. This is a gift we will long remember.*

~ Terri (Preheim) Gaeddert and family

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### This Morning at Rainbow ~ Third Sunday in Lent

- Worship 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 10:25am
- Children & Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am See insert for spring class descriptions.

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### Announcements

On this final day of Ruth's sabbatical, the deacon on call through today for any pastoral care concerns is Sallie Page-Goertz.

**Beating Guns Tour: This Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00pm** Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin, co-authors of “Beating Guns: Hope for people who are weary of violence,” will be at Rainbow as part of their national book tour. We’re expecting many community members for this event, so please welcome them warmly. We’re also encouraging congregants to park in the grass lot next to the blue house. See Rainbow’s facebook page or recent midweek email to register for your free ticket.

**Men and Boys Retreat – April 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah.** This is a good opportunity to get away for a weekend and enjoy nature. For questions or interest in carpooling, contact Eric Jantzen.

**Whitmore Playground Work Day** April 6, 8-noon. Come help rake leaves, spread wood chips and do general cleanup. You are welcome to bring extra rakes, scoops and wheelbarrows!

On Sunday April 7 we will begin collecting non perishable snacks and treats to create **College Care Packages** for the seven youth currently from our congregation currently attending college. Look for the donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

**Join us for lunch with your mentor / youth noon-1pm on April 14!** This will be an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Ashton Wells (ashton.wells1@gmail.com) so she knows how much pizza to purchase.

An Evening of Harp Music is coming to Rainbow on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00pm. **The Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Harp Ensemble**, a student group under the direction of Aimee DeSotel, will open the night's program, followed by a solo concert by Erin Wood, KU harp instructor. We encourage you to put this on your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. It will be a free concert, followed by a reception in the Wesley Room. ~ Sponsored by the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee.

**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 pm. The event is also free, but please RSVP.\*

Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Leah and Greg Schwarz on Sunday, May 5th from 3-5pm at the home of David Bluford and Vicky Kaufman. Details to come.

Register online at <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/> for the **Mennonite Church USA Convention** this summer in Kansas City, July 2-9. Please 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.

**The Rainbow MVS Guest House invites you to Sunset Tea & Lenten Reflection.** Each Sunday through Easter, from 4:30 – 6:00pm, we will gather around the living room fireplace (or backyard bonfire) with tea at 2303 S. Early Street, KCK and reflect on two of 14 Stations of the Cross readings by Mary Button. Button weaves this Catholic Lenten tradition with art, poetry, Scripture, and firsthand experiences of mental illness (including her own). The result is a colorful tapestry that inspires us to imagine how the threads of our individual lives might intertwine to create faith communities that are more connected, understanding, and reflective of the full Body of Christ - where each element is an essential part of the whole. For more info, contact Kimberly or Sarah.

## **Staff Updates**

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Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office April 4 – 7 at the Mennonite Voluntary Service Local Leaders Retreat in Washington D.C.

## **Youth News and Events**

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Tonight 5-8pm is Movie Night! Includes dinner and popcorn while simultaneously running "The Sound of Music" (with sing along subtitles) and "Goonies"

Sunday April 7: Variety Show Extravaganza. Youth arrive 5:30pm with dessert or snack.

## **Community Events**

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**The Rosedale Development Association invites Rainbow Mennonites to register as an individual, family or church team for the annual all-Rosedale cleanup on Saturday morning, April 13.** Connect with neighbors while serving your community. The team with the most participants wins a park party! Begin and end at Fisher Park (3800 Fisher Street, KCK 66103). 8am signup, map, instructions & supplies; Noon cookout and music. Contact Kimberly at 913-677-5097 or [kimberly@rosedale.org](mailto:kimberly@rosedale.org).

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

## March 24, 2019

Attendance.....	215
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	22
General Fund .....	\$ \$4,539.00
Other Donations .....	\$ \$85.12
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,624.12</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Mar 31	Fourth Sunday in Lent	
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
		Youth Movie Night	5:00pm
Monday	Apr 1	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	Apr 2	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Beating Guns Tour	6:00pm
Wednesday	Apr 3	Taize Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Apr 4	Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm
Saturday	Apr 6	Playground Work Day	8:00am

### Next Week

Sunday	Apr 7	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
		Variety Show Extravaganza	6:00pm
Monday	Apr 8	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Apr 9	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Apr 10	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Taize Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Apr 11	Peace and Justice Meeting	6:30pm
		RPAC Event: KCKPS Harp Ensemble	7:00pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

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

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)  
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