

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 26, 2020

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 are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, use of a large-print hymnal, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery, available for children from birth to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Kendric Beachey, Tanya Ortman and Joel Bollinger**. Closing Trustee is **Steven Cress**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for John Mueller who, after a severe reaction during lymphoma treatment, received inpatient care at the VA Hospital this week.

Betty Bodine and her family, including her brother-in-law Joe Duerksen, welcome prayers as Betty makes a new home at Bethesda Home in Goessel, KS. She was welcomed there on Tuesday, January 21, by family who lives in that area, including her niece Sharon Morfold (formerly of Rainbow).

This Morning at Rainbow

Our worship series is called "Walking on the holy way, trod by the sages long ago." (Words from Hymnal #316.) Sermons between now and Lent (March 1) will focus on biblical character studies ~ those sages along the holy way.

Worship 9:30am

WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:30 – 10:55am (Rainbow Room)

Sunday School for all ages 10:50 – 11:45am (Adult class options listed on back)

Soup Lunch Fundraiser 12:00pm (Sponsored by Rainbow Youth)

Annual Business Meeting 12:45pm

Each year, on or near January 21, Mennonite World Fellowship encourages Anabaptist-related churches across the globe to remember our common roots and celebrate our worldwide faith community. The date of January 21 was chosen because the first Anabaptist baptism took place on January 21, 1525, in Switzerland. In a recent letter, Mennonite World Fellowship leaders shared their hope that on Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday we remember our call to “mutually support one another, carry those who suffer, serve the world and interdependently learn from one another what it means to follow Jesus.”

Announcements

Please note there are copies of the 2019 Annual Report in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary. More copies will be available at today's annual meeting.

Mennonite Voluntary Service: Church Council voted at their December 2019 meeting to discontinue our partnership with the national Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) program at the local level. We are incredibly grateful for the 43 years of support provided by the congregation of Rainbow Mennonite Church and all 108 volunteers who have served with MVS in Kansas City. More details about the decision can be found in the annual report. The last action of the MVS Support Board will be to plan a Mennonite Voluntary Service decommissioning event in the next couple of months. Email Ben Parker Sutter, outreach@rainbowmennonite.org to join the planning team!

Response from Marisa Smucker, MVS Program Director: We have been grateful for your communication throughout this process and allowing us to be involved as you worked through this difficult decision. We will look forward to celebrating with you the 43 years of being part of an extensive partnership with us and others in serving alongside your community and mentoring and serving the volunteers that have participated in the MVS unit. We continue to think of you as partners in ministry and our doors are also open for future collaborations and opportunities that may arise. We will keep you in prayer as your congregation listens and responds to God's call as you begin this new decade.

Early Street House: Ben Parker Sutter is facilitating a public brainstorming session for about what to do with the house at 2303 Early Street. The meeting will be at noon on Sunday, February 2 in the Fellowship Hall, will only last an hour (I hear something else important is happening that day?) and we'll provide pizza. No final decision will be made at this meeting. Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to get. Contact Ben Parker Sutter, outreach@rainbowmennonite.org, with any ideas or questions.

Mennonite Disaster Service work continues in Avant, OK repairing homes that were flooded in the spring of 2019. Jay Blough, Oklahoma MDS Unit Co-chair and Bill Mast, the Avant, OK project director, plan on continuing this response thru Spring 2020. The Oklahoma Unit has an opportunity for 4-5 volunteers per week for an estimated 12 - 15 weeks beginning immediately. The work will be repairing flood damaged homes and finishing a new home. The materials for the new home are sitting on the ground waiting on volunteers. This response can also use daily volunteers. There are accommodations to house volunteers or hookup for campers. Please call Jay Blough (405) 412-4414 or Bill Mast (405) 590-7747 for more information. Save the Date- The youth fundraising Extravaganza will be March 1st.

We currently have an office space (9'8" x 8'9' plus storage closet) at Rainbow that is available for rent. It is the office off of the Rainbow Room (where Head Start used to meet, next to church kitchen). It has its own entrance. Contact Carrie Parsons with questions. And please spread the word!

Rainbow has guidelines for social media communications. Each year we post our policy for your information. See the recent Rainbow News midweek email to read Rainbow's media policy.

Youth News

Sunday, Feb. 2nd, Super Bowl Party, 5:00pm, Carrie Parsons' Home (2230 Brooklyn Ave, KCMO, 64127), bring a snack to share.

Sunday, Feb. 9th, Snow Camp Meeting, 10:30am, Wesley Room (Youth & Parents)

Friday, Feb. 14-16th, Senior High Snow Camp

Sunday, Feb. 16th, Junior High Breakfast 8:30am (Uhlenhuth's provide meal)

Sunday, February 23rd, Senior High Lunch and Chat (Roman's provide meal)

Community Events

On Tuesday, January 28, Marci Penner will present "Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas -- An Author Talk" at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd St, KCKS from 6 to 7:30 pm. Marci and co-author Wendee Rowe traveled to over 626 incorporated cities in Kansas to research for *The Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers*. This is the first Next Chapter KC forum for 2020. More information will be in the Rainbow News mid-week email or you may contact Karen Hostetler.

January 19, 2019

Attendance.....	158
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3
General Fund	\$ 4,585.00
Other Donations	\$ 217.95
Total Offering	\$ 4,802.95

This Week

Sunday	Jan 26	Youth Soup Fundraiser Lunch	12:00pm
		Annual Business Meeting	12:45pm
Tuesday	Jan 28	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 29	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Feb 1	Faith Formation Board Retreat	9:00am

Next Week

Monday	Feb 3	Deacons' Meeting	5:45pm
Tuesday	Feb 4	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Feb 5	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Adult Education Class Options

Why Religion?: A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels

Facilitator: Kenn Goertz..... Library

The Wisdom of the Desert by Thomas Merton

Facilitators: Jude & Sharon McCulley..... Sunflower Room

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery at Rainbow

Facilitator: Ben Parker Sutter..... Wesley Room

Next Doors Strangers (Podcast)

Facilitators: Bob Campbell & Philip Rhoads..... Room 111