

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 9, 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 **Darin Kaufman, Allison and Fischer Unruh**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 up to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Tina Histand, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Abigail Gritman**. Closing Trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

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 below)

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

Announcements

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!

Minutes of our January annual business meeting are now available online. Please note that they are not official until approved by the congregation during the April meeting. You can access the minutes by going to the church website and clicking on the Member/Friend login. Email the church office if you don't know the password.

Ash Wednesday service, February 26 at 5:45 in the sanctuary. It will be a contemplative service of readings, singing, and imposition of ashes for those who choose to receive them.

Variety Show Extravaganza: The youth are looking for acts, be it a talent, song, skit, or poem for the Variety Show Extravaganza. This year's theme is Camp! The youth group will be hosting on Sunday, March 1st from 6-8 pm. Desserts will be provided for all to enjoy. Please email Sarah Neher at youth@rainbowmennonite.org if you are interested in participating in the Variety Show (open for all to participate).

Kid's Night Out: Calling all K-5th graders, this night is just for you! Friday, March 13th, from 5-8 pm will be a night filled with games, fun, and friends. You are asked to pack your dinner. (Parents, enjoy a few hours to yourself!)

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.

Youth News

This Morning! 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)

Staff Updates

On Friday I met with the Ministerial Commission of the Western District Conference for my final interview as a candidate for ordination. This process began in October of 2016 when I first expressed to the Deacons that after several years of consideration, I felt I was ready to explore a more formal confirmation of my calling as a minister of the church. My expression of that calling is through music.

I have benefitted from the counsel of many people along the way, and every interaction from the 20+ years I have served Rainbow has been part of shaping this outcome. Karen Hostetler accompanied me to Newton for the interview. Ordination stands as a covenant between the congregation, the area conference, and the individual as a sign of accountability and credibility, so I felt I was taking Rainbow with me to Newton Friday. Thank you for your prayers and support.

~ Rosi Penner Kaufman

Community Events

Ten Thousand Villages, a 100% fair trade retailer in Overland Park, has a long history with RMC. Rainbow individuals have had a presence on the board of directors since its inception 20 years ago. A seat on the board is currently available for a Rainbow person. If you have a passion for living life fair through maker to market handcrafted goods contact Claire Zehner for details.

Sarah Neher is providing a “pay what you can” yoga class to the Rosedale community on Thursdays at 7:00pm. Classes are held in the Rosedale Development Association Community Room (the space east of their offices at 1401 Southwest Boulevard). The Outreach Committee has donated a couple of yoga mats and other props. You are asked to bring a mat if you have one and a full-sized towel or sturdy blanket. The intention is for this to be an opportunity for Rainbow to further connect with the neighborhood as we nourish our bodies and souls! Contact Sarah if you have additional questions.

February 2, 2020

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| Attendance..... | 166 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 7 |
| General Fund | \$ 3,687.00 |
| Other Donations | \$ 193.00 |
| Total Offering | \$ 3,880.00 |

This Week

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| Sunday | Feb 9 | Snow Camp Meeting | 10:30am |
| | | Sanctuary Technology Meeting | 11:00am |
| Monday | Feb 10 | Safety Team Meeting | 5:30pm |
| Tuesday | Feb 11 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | Feb 12 | Women's Luncheon | 11:00am |
| | | (7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS) | |
| | | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |
| Thursday | Feb 13 | Trustees Meeting | 7:00pm |
| | | Peace & Social Justice Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Friday | Feb 14 | Sr High Snow Camp | |

Next Week

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| Sunday | Feb 16 | Jr High Breakfast | 8:30am |
| Tuesday | Feb 18 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | Feb 19 | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |