

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 16, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Andy Toews**. Greeters are **Harold and Naomi Wiebe**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller**. Closing Trustee is **Todd Zehner**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Today, the Sr. High youth will head back home from Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. The youth who attended are Caleb, Owyn, Seth, Fischer, Joel, Mia, Liberty, and Madeline. They are accompanied by sponsors Sarah Neher, Grace and Ben Parker Sutter. Please pray for safe travels.

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.

- **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)

Announcements

Early Street House Meeting recap: A group of about 30 met on February 2 to talk about the future of the Early Street house. For more information about the meeting, please view links in the midweek email. We anticipate a possible next step will be for the Church Council to designate folks to be on a task force to make a recommendation about the future of the house. If you have any interest in being on this task force, please let Ben Parker Sutter know (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org). This does not mean you will be on the task or commit you to it, but does signal your interest.

The Rainbow Summer Program is looking for up to 13 Classroom Facilitators for this summer's program. It's 40 hours/week. Please spread the word to anyone who would be interested. See the midweek email for a link to more information.

The Playground Committee will host a potluck on Sunday, February 23 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall for those that participate or are interested in participating in the Adopt-a-section program or general Playground involvement. We want to celebrate your contribution and are also interested in your feedback. Please bring a dish and table service. We will provide drinks.

An **Ash Wednesday service** will be held on 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.

Rainbow Young Adults: Join us February 28 for Friday Night Bowling at KC Bowl. We'll meet at 8:00pm. For more info, check the Rainbow Young Adult Facebook Page or email Christina Hofer.

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!)

Sunday, March 15 Representatives from Everence, a faith-based financial services organization, will be at Rainbow. Everence works with individuals to integrate faith and values in financial matters. They offer a variety of products including financial planning services, some insurance products, asset management, debt management, etc. The representatives will be available for conversation and questions during fellowship time. In addition, the Deacons are hosting a lunch gathering for those interested in learning more about Everence. Please RSVP to the church office for the lunch by March 12th. Contact Janelle Arnett Campbell for additional information.

Youth News

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

Sunday, March 1st, Extravaganza, 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, March 15st, Jr. High Breakfast, 8:30-9:20 am

Sunday, March 15st, Sr. High Lunch, 10:50-12:30 pm

Staff Updates

Congratulations to Rosi Penner Kaufman on her ordination. See the midweek email to read what she shared with the congregation this past Sunday. Save the date for her ordination on March 29 at 4:00pm.

Sarah Neher and Ben Parker Sutter are returning from Snow Camp with the youth today. Sarah will then be away from the office February 17-22.

Community Events

Tonight! Kansas Poor People's Campaign Strategic Dialogue on Healthcare

5:30pm – 8:30pm at First Church of the Brethren (103 N 13th st, Kansas City, KS)

We will be discussing issues surrounding healthcare in Kansas, including Medicaid expansion and common myths attributed to our medical system. Come share your experiences and learn ways to engage our community to ensure everyone has access to the services they need. A small meal will be provided.

Medical Arts Symphony, Saturday, February 22, 3:00pm at Battenfeld Auditorium at KU Medical Center. Admission is free. Come at 6:30 for a pre-concert lecture. Mary Redmon will be performing.

Join us on Tuesday, February 25 for the **Next Chapter KC** forum as we welcome Mike Peters to present on the topic of "Embracing Change in Your Life." The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information.

On February 23 at 2:00pm at St Peter's Church at 701 E. Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO there will be a special concert featuring 4 of our youth! Abigail Grittman, Liberty Brigman, Madeline Bollinger and Joel Bollinger will be singing in 2 of 6 Kansas high school choirs. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Workshop and Assembly with John Dear

- **Living the Nonviolent Life, With John Dear: A Day-long Workshop Exploring Active Nonviolence:** Saturday, March 7, 2020 8:30am – 4:00pm at Avila University. See Ken Parsons for more information and the midweek email for registration
- **The Nonviolent Path as Illuminated by Jesus, an assembly of worship and dialogue:** Sunday, March 8, 2020 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Community of Christ Temple Sanctuary. See link in midweek email for details.

February 9, 2020

Attendance.....	155
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 5,565.10
Other Donations	\$ 182.80
Total Offering	\$ 5,747.90

This Week

Sunday	Feb 16	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
Tuesday	Feb 18	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Feb 19	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Next Week

Sunday	Feb 23	Sr High Lunch Chat	10:50am
		Playground Potluck	12:00pm
Tuesday	Feb 25	Staff Meeting	1:00pm

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