

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 23, 2014

Good Morning! Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary.

Our ushers are **Kent and Will Moore**; our greeters are **Jana Graham and Andrew Moore**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if have questions about the location of Sunday School rooms or the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Kendric and Michelle Beachey and Abby Banning**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Welcome! Thanks to *Book of JEBB* for your contributions this morning!. Band members include Ben Regier, Bethany Schrag, Eric Schrag and Jesse Graber. And thanks to Olivia Bartel, church member and Director at Camp Mennoscah located in Murdock, KS. After worship Olivia and Jesse will be in Fellowship Hall to share more about camp and lead us in singing camp songs. All are welcome.

Please pray for **Tanya Ortman** as she participates in an Israel/Palestine learning tour Feb 23 - March 5 with fourteen other board members and staff of Mennonite agencies. Participants will meet Mennonite partners, visit Biblical sights, learn about the realities of occupation from Palestinian Christians and others, and hear Jewish perspectives. The tour is sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and coordinated by MCC staff. Pray for participants, people they meet and God's blessing on all who seek peace in the region.

We **need your car!** The MVS house needs another vehicle. If you have a car you would be willing to donate to the MVS unit please contact Eric Jantzen.

Next Sunday, March 2, will be a full day at Rainbow!

- Morning worship will consist of a choral communion service led by RMC choir. This will feature *Missa Guadalupe*, by Joel Martinson.
- Following worship there will be a special Adult Education opportunity held in the sanctuary. We will sing Lenten songs and hear more about the origins and flow of Lent. (The first Sunday in Lent is March 9.)
- In the evening on March 2, from 6:00-6:45 pm., everyone is invited back to Rainbow for an Argentine Ministerial Alliance community-wide Lenten service. The service will follow the pattern of Taize worship.

On **Sunday March 16th** the youth will gather with Alyssa, Tina, Josh, and Joshua at the Smith's house for games, hangout time, and homemade pizza. We can carpool to the house after church (or meet us there at 12:30) and then parents can pick kids up at 3:30. There will be food, games, guitars, and good times for everybody! Contact Alyssa Smith for more information.

Local and regional **educational events** coming up:

- New Testament scholar **John Dominic Crossan** will be the lecturer at Village Presbyterian Church February 28-March 1. For more information: 913.671.2381 or visitingscholar@villagepres.org.
- Biblical scholar **N.T. Wright** will be speaking at St. Mellitus Theological Centre in Overland Park, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. For more information: <https://ntwrightmorninglecture.eventbrite.com>
- Join Mennonite Church USA women from across the country April 25-27 for an event called "**Women in Conversation**," an opportunity to carefully attend to body, mind, soul and spirit. Talk to Pastor Ruth if you are interested in attending. For more information: www.laurelville.org/women_in_conversation

Mark your calendars: The Bethel College Concert Choir will perform at Johnson County Community College Yardley Hall on March 22 at 7:30 pm. They will also sing at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood on Sunday morning, March 23 at 10:45 am. Watch online at rezonline.org.

Greetings Rainbow Mennonite! March Madness (Western District Basketball Tournament) will soon be here. Bethel College Mennonite Church invites those of you who enjoy playing basketball to join us for this upcoming tournament. The tourney takes place at Bethel College, March 24-25, and March 27-29. Please contact Ruth or email matthewkoontz@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the team. Thanks, Matt Koontz

Follow up note from Ruth: I told Matt that I would only play if a few Rainbow folks came with me. Plus, I would only play the 28th-29th. Anybody care to play on the BCMC PaciFISTS team with me?

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Attendance.....	136
Visitors (included in attendance count)	17

This Week

Thursday	February 27	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
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Next Week

Sunday	March 2	Argentine Ministerial Alliance Service	6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 4	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 5	Ash Wednesday Taize Service	5:45 pm

*The complete church calendar is available at www.rainbowmennonite.org.

Winter Adult Education Classes

Growing Older.....Wesley Room

This class focuses on the many diverse aspects of aging in our society. Topics such as wisdom for retirement, the encore chapter, supporting aging parents, the medicalization of dying and other themes will be discussed.

Holy Land Revealed (Lectures on DVD).....Room 110

This class is a continuation of the DVD lecture series from the fall. Jodi Magness, PH.D, lectures on the archeological history of Israel and Palestine with comparisons to the Biblical accounts.

Historical Jesus.....Sunflower Room

This class is a discussion of the book *Historical Jesus: What Can We Know and How Can We Know It* by Jeff Anthony Le Donne. The book asks two primary questions: What does “historical” mean? How should we apply this to Jesus? And these questions will be used to facilitate a discussion to help better understand who Jesus was and how we can know what we do know about him.

The Wired Word.....Library

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. Each Thursday, lessons are emailed to the facilitators with the scriptural texts and questions for discussion. Lesson materials will be emailed each week.