

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 26, 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 **Brad and Nancy Grittman**; our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Cynthia and Jacob Kaufman and Eric Jantzen**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

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Connect with the wider Mennonite Church by attending one or more of the following events in 2014/ 2015!

- A group of individuals from **Rainbow** will be traveling to Bogota, Colombia, and surrounding communities for a week in late June in a trip organized through Mennonite Central Committee. We will learn about MCC partner agencies there and complete service projects for them including some construction work and helping with kitchen and children's programs. Contact Jana Graham if interested.
- **Western District Conference Assembly 2014** will meet in Waxahachie, Texas, July 4-6, celebrating our Year of the Bible and focusing on church planting.
- **Mennonite Church USA** bi-annual convention, Kansas City, June 30-July 5, 2015
- **Mennonite World Conference** (held every six years) Harrisburg, PA, July 21-26, 2015

**Kathy Darcy** is recovering from her surgery on Thursday, January 23. Your prayers and support are appreciated.

The **Youth Ministries Coordinator** position has been advertised various places. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, or would like more information, the job posting can be found at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org).

**An annual business meeting** of the Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation will be held TODAY, in the Fellowship Hall. Paper copies of the annual report are available this morning, as well as an electronic version at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org), in the members/friends section of the website, under "documents."

- **Childcare** for infants-6<sup>th</sup> grade will be available for the duration of the meeting and pizza will be provided for the kids.

**Attention parents of K-5th graders: Mark your calendars for the first annual Rainbow kids night out!** Ruth and Jesse, along with the Mennonite Voluntary Service workers, will be hosting a **music, art and game night** for K-5th graders on Friday, January 31, from 5- 9 p.m. There will be art lessons, singing, obstacles courses, pizza, and more. RSVP to Pastor Ruth at [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 6:30-9:00 pm  
THE RMC COFFEEHOUSE - FEATURING THE BAND "**BOOK OF JEBB**" which includes versatile string player Jesse Graber as one of the band members! A free will offering will be accepted for the upcoming RMC mission trip to Columbia in June. Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman 816-797-2872 or Claire Zehner 913-302-6193 for details.

The **Sharing Community in Rosedale Transition Board** has been meeting on a regular basis with the hopes of making SCR a viable organization to pursue funding to support Freedom School. The Transition Board is currently wrestling with governance questions, which include how communication and decision making will be shared with the Church Council. The Board will be seeking input from the congregation on these key questions using open table discussion on February 2 and 9 after Sundayschool. Please direct questions to chair, Alan Huxman.

**A letter** from John Vanderheide has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

We have an opportunity to encourage Kansas legislators to take action to abolish the death penalty in upcoming legislative sessions. Letter writing materials, provided by Kansas Coalition against the death penalty, will be available in Fellowship Hall **TODAY**.

**Next Chapter Kansas City** has two events the week of January 27 that you are invited to attend. Next Chapter KC is a program of Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas and Partner Organizations.

- On Tuesday, January 28, the Next Chapter Book Group will meet at the South Branch Library, 3104 Strong, Kansas City, KS from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This month’s title for discussion is *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe.
- On Thursday, January 30, Mike Peters will be the presenter at the monthly Informational/ Networking Forum. The topic is “Will you Thrive or Survive Change?” It will be held at Donnelly College in the new Community Event Center at 608 N. 18<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, KS from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for either event, but registration is requested for the Forum. [Click here](#) to register. Contact Karen Hostetler at [karenh@sckck.org](mailto:karenh@sckck.org) or at (913) 485-0975 with questions or for additional information.

The **Youth Mentoring Program** would like to invite current 5th grade through 12th grade youth to consider participating in our mentoring program. This program allows young people to connect with another adult friend at church. New youth participants together with their parents will create a list of candidates to be a possible personal mentor. Then the committee will match mentees with one of the mentor candidates. If you are approached to serve as a mentor please consider this opportunity seriously as a way of serving our youth and nurturing others at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Please contact Jan Good-Bollinger with questions.

**January 19**

Attendance.....		151
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....		8
General Fund.....	\$	6,753.00
Other Donations .....	\$	233.83
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,986.83</b>

**This Week**

Today	January 26	Congregational Meeting	11:45am
Friday	January 30	Rainbow Kids Night Out	5:00 pm

**Next Week**

Tuesday	February 4	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 5	Taize Service	5:45 pm
Friday	February 7	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am

\*The complete church calendar is available at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://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.