

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 18, 2015

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 **Mitch Kaufman and Jonathan Bollinger**; our greeters are **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. 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 **Caitlin and Aaron Linscheid and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

Thank you to **Leo Goertz** for sharing the lithograph of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by artist Ben Shahn. Originally commissioned as a cover for Time magazine in 1965, this portrait was part of a portfolio of prints created for the American Civil Liberties Union. The portfolio was then sold to raise funds for the civil rights movement.

Save the Date: There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday January 25 following the noon potluck. Along with a dish to share, **please bring your own plate and utensils** to help us cut down on waste. The Annual Report and agenda are available today and on the church website in the member section.

Interested in **becoming a member** of Rainbow? Please notify Ruth or the Ashton in the Church Office.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday, February 15 from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org) by February 12.

KC 2015! Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly will take place June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City. **Registration is open.** For more information, see www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention. Please let the church office know if you would like to be a delegate.

Kids Night Out is back with a brand new twist! Rainbow kids, grades K-5th, are invited to a night out at the church on Friday, February 13th from 5-9pm. Renee Reimer, youth, and crew will be hosting games, activities, and adventures. Please RSVP to Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org

Mike Peters will be the speaker at the **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum on January 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Event Center at Donnelly College, 608 N. 18th Street, KCK. He will speak on the topic of "How to Get Unstuck: Getting Back on Track With Your Passion." Mike is a life coach and owner of InterAction Personal and Professional Coaching as well as a psychotherapist, workshop presenter and speaker. [For details and to register, click here.](#) There is no charge, but we'd like to know how many to plan for. Contact Karen Hostetler with questions at karenh@sckck or (913) 485-0975.

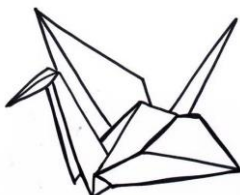
Staff updates

The office will be closed on Monday in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr day.

Youth Updates

Senior High: Jan and Lonnie have graciously opened up their house to the Senior High youth group on Friday, January 30th from 6:30-8:30pm for soup, snacks, and hot tubing. Bring a clean suit if you are interested in getting in the hot tub, if you are not there will be plenty of other games and activities to participate in!

Attention children! There is a gold paper crane somewhere at the front of the sanctuary. Can you find it? This is an exercise in paying attention, and it is a reminder for us all to be on the look out for how God is moving and present within creation.



Bethel College alumni and friends are invited to gather with President Perry White, Dalene White and other faculty and staff at Taco Republic, 500 County Line Rd., from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, and/or at Succotash Bruncheonette, 2601 Holmes St., at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. For details or to RSVP, contact the alumni office at [316-284-5251](tel:316-284-5251) or wnugent@bethelks.edu.

Budget and Debt counseling: Are you facing financial struggles you feel you cannot overcome or are you interested in better understanding your financial situation? A service sponsored by **Everence** provides counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, as well as mortgage and credit score education at no cost. Call toll free: (877) 809-0039, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., EST. For Spanish language counselors call 800-388-2227. Brochures are available behind the name tags in the west foyer.

This Week

Sunday	January 18	Youth Ed. Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
Monday	January 19	Office Closed	All Day
Wednesday	January 21	Quilting	9:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	January 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	January 25	Congregational Potluck and Meeting	12:00 pm
Wednesday	January 28	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	January 30	Sr High at the Buerge's	6:30 pm
Saturday	January 31	Deacons Retreat	8:30 am
		Know Jesus	10:30 am

Winter Education Classes

***The Book of Forgiving*.....Library**

A discussion of *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* is written by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu, offering a manual on the art of forgiveness—helping us to realize that we are all capable of healing and transformation.

***Why I Am an Atheist Who Believes in God*..... Room 110**

This class will discuss *Why I am an Atheist Who Believes in God: How to Give Love, Create Beauty, and Find Peace* by Frank Schaeffer. Schaeffer once stood near the top of conservative Christian evangelicalism but is now one of its strongest critics. He is an “atheist” who still talks to Jesus—in spite of everything.

***Worship Response Group*.....Pastor’s Office**

This will be an opportunity to discuss the purpose and experience of worship at Rainbow. We will consider questions such as “What helped us worship today? What interfered with our worship? What inspiration, challenge, question will you take with you this week?”

***The Wired Word*.....Sunflower Room**

This week's discussion will use the story about a man in Oklahoma who goes on trial in federal court this month for allegedly helping people to lie. Douglas Williams, owner of the website Polygraph.com, is charged with witness tampering, obstruction and mail fraud which stem from his teaching people how pass polygraph tests. We will use this story to discuss "Truth and honesty." Join us to share your thoughts on this topic. You're welcome whether you have studied the lesson or not.