

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 24, 2016

**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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Stan and Carol Buller and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

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Please **pray** for...

- Jake Beachey and family as **Bonnie Beachey** passed away on Monday. Services were held this weekend. Memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association or Rainbow Mennonite Church.
- The family of Rev. **Donald C. Bakely**, the first Executive Director for Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Kansas City, KS, and a leader of that organization for over 30 years, passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The memorial services for Rev. Bakely will be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, January 30th at Bristol Hill United Methodist Church; 4826 County Line Road, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.
- **Joe Duerksen** as he receives hospital care for a recent back injury.
- **Argentine Mennonite Church** in Kansas City as they install Sandeep Thomas as their pastor today. Pastor Ruth is attending the 11 am service.

Interested in **becoming a member** at Rainbow? Please contact Pastor Ruth if you are interested in learning more about this process. Either call the church or email her at [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

We wish to **thank the congregation** for the card shower last Sunday and all the wonderful expressions of support for us. We especially want to thank the social committee for preparing the tasty treats and lovely presentation. ~Ed Neufeld and Sherri Surbaugh

To our amazing Rainbow family,

We want to express **our deepest gratitude** for all the overwhelming support of Seoul and his new life within the church. Thanks to everyone for the many gifts and kind actions as each was so special. Words cannot begin to suffice how thankful we are for such a loving and supportive congregation. We will raise our beautiful son to love and serve God, and it is so exciting having all of you to help nurture his growth in the Lord's ways. Thank you again! ~Nick, Melissa, Liberty, Brian, and Seoul

The **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum for January 26 will focus on "Social Security: The Basics and Recent Changes." There have been changes as a result of the Federal budget that was passed for 2016. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82<sup>nd</sup> St, KCKS from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Karen Hostetler at [karenh@sckck.org](mailto:karenh@sckck.org) or at 913-485-0975 for more information and to register. There's no charge. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

It's time for the official rollout of my new book **Firebrand**, a biographical novel about August Bondi, whom I call "the second most interesting person in early Kansas." Reception begins 6 p.m., Thursday, January 28, [at the Central Library](#), 14 W. 10th St., downtown KCMO. Program at 6:30. I'll be selling autographed copies for 25% off at the event. Also, we just launched a new podcast about Young Adult books at [actuallypodcast.com](http://actuallypodcast.com). — Aaron Barnhart

**Save the date!** The **International Service Trip Group** will provide a fundraising lunch on Jan. 31 prior to the annual meeting. Please come support us as we prepare to travel to Guatemala in June. Hope to see everyone there.

The **Annual Report** is ready to view! Paper copies are available and the electronic version is published in the members/friends section of the church website (password royg biv118).

**New(ish) to Rainbow?** Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday February 21 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](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)) by Sunday February 14.

Interested in learning more about the Sr High Learning Experience to Montana June 4th-12th? Representatives from Mennonite Central Committee will be joining us on Sunday, February 7th. During the Sunday School hour, MCC will host an interactive learning experience, *The Loss of Turtle Island*, where blankets represent the land and participants represent Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination - all in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery. Sr high youth and parents are encouraged to attend this event as this will be the initial orientation to the summer Sr High Learning Experience.

### Staff Updates

Youth Program Director Renee Reimer will be on a trip to Egypt through AMBS and will be out of the office through January 26. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Youth Updates

The jr high youth event for **February 7th** will take place at the Good-Bollinger household (14721 W 81st St Lenexa, KS) for a Superbowl party. Kick-off is at **5:30pm**. Other activities will be available to youth who do not want to watch the game. Baked potatoes and BBQ will be provided, youth and families are invited to bring other toppings for the baked potatoes.

### This Week

Wednesday	January 27	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	January 28	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday-Saturday	January 29-30	SCR Retreat	All Day

### Next Week

Sunday	January 31	International Trip Fundraiser	12:00 pm
		Annual Congregational Meeting	12:45 pm
Tuesday	February 2	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 3	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

## Winter Adult Education Classes:

### **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery..... Room 111**

The "Doctrine of Discovery" is a framework that has been used since the 15th century that gave Christian governments legal rights to seize Indigenous lands. Native Americans continue to experience the painful legacy of being forcibly separated from their land, their culture, and their spirituality. This class will look at how we as Christians today can advocate for justice for Native Americans, learn how to build relationships with and among Indigenous people around the world, and explore reconciliation between Native Americans and Mennonites.

### **End of Life Issues .....Sunflower Room**

This class will consist of six sessions of approximately 45 minutes each, dealing with various aspects of end of life planning. The materials and information provided for the course are from Everence Stewardship Education branch. Today's topic is "Tame and Wild dying methods- good and bad medical practices near the end."

### **The Wired Word ..... Library**

*The Wired Word* uses current headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. On Thursday of each week, a lesson will be emailed to the facilitators with the appropriate scriptural texts and questions for discussion. The facilitators can email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class. Participants can also join in the discussion without having read the lesson since it will be based on a current topic.

### ***Everyday Mercies* by Edie Yoder Miller ..... Wesley Room**

Carrie's dad is a dairy farmer, but she has a different idea about working the land when she returns to her south central home in Wisconsin for four days. During the holiday meal and the days that follow, Carrie's grandmother, Martha, and other family members also provide surprises that propel events forward. There's an unexpected dinner guest, an extra dessert, and an unplanned trip to the family cemetery plot. Martha often retreats to her bedroom to read her mother's diaries that reveal a life lived in a vastly different world of patriarchal privilege and pietistic language. The tensions and humor of family living spill out in the most ordinary of interactions. Whether in everyday routine or in shocking revelation, this novel gives a lively look into four generations of women coming from conservative Mennonite and Amish backgrounds. Through all the scenes and introspection, healing mercy awaits.