

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 31, 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 **David Stewart and Jonathan Bollinger**. Our greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Kendric, Michelle, Gabby, and Delaney Beachey**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

A group of 14 members of Rainbow plan to travel to Guatemala over June 17-24 on a trip coordinated through Mennonite Central Committee. Once there, we will go to Panabaj, a small community where an RMC group visited in 2010. We will connect again with Anadesa (a community organization with which MCC partners) and participate with residents on the construction of a facility. Although they are uncertain exactly which stage of the building process we will work with, we will likely either be building cinder block walls or painting or doing other kinds of finishing work. In the afternoons, we will work in the after-school program with local children. Thank you, in advance, for your kind support of this international outreach opportunity!!

The **International Service Trip Group** will provide a fundraising today following Sunday School.

The **Annual Meeting** will take place today following the fundraising meal. Childcare will be provided.

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

Volunteers are needed to help serve at **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** this Friday, February 5 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

To mark the beginning of Lent, we will hold a contemplative **Ash Wednesday Service** of prayer and song on Wednesday February 10 from 5:45-6:30 pm. All are invited. The imposition of ashes on the forehead or hand is optional. This service will take the place of our usual monthly Taizé service. More information about our Lenten season will be available next week.

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) by Sunday February 14.

Youth Mentoring Program: We 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. Youth interested should sign up for the program by turning in their applications to Jan Good-Bollinger, Janelle Arnett Campbell, Cynthia Olavarria Kauffman or Renee Reimer, preferably by February 21.

Interested in learning more about the Sr High Learning Experience to Montana June 4th-12th? Representatives from Mennonite Central Committee will be joining us next 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 in Orlando this weekend attending the Mennonite Youth Ministry Council.

Youth Updates

The jr high youth event for **February 7th** will take place at the Good-Bollinger household 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.

Regional/Staff Updates

Budget Counseling:

Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling (in partnership with Everence) offers confidential, non-judgmental financial counseling to anyone in the community that faces financial struggle, or would like to know a little more about financial wellness. At no cost, LSSFC will take a comprehensive look at a person's budget, debts, and income and then provide personalized recommendations and options to help individuals and families move toward their financial goals. Call [877-809-0039](tel:877-809-0039) for more information. For Spanish language counselors call [800-388-2227](tel:800-388-2227)

This Week

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday | January 31 | International Trip Fundraiser | 12:00 pm |
| | | Annual Congregational Meeting | 12:45 pm |
| Monday | February 1 | Girl Scout Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday | February 2 | Worship Committee Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | February 3 | Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) | 6:45 pm |
| Friday | February 5 | Willa Gill Food Kitchen | 10:30 am |

Next Week

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday | February 7 | Sr High Student/Parent Lunch | 12:00 pm |
| | | Jr High Party | 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday | February 10 | Trustees Meeting | 10:00 am |
| | | Ash Wednesday Service | 5:45 pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) | 6:45 pm |
| Saturday | February 13 | Sr High Snow Camp | All Day |

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 IssuesSunflower 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.