

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 21, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. Our greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Becca Claassen**. 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 **Jeff and Emma Janzen and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closer: **Scott Weast**

The two **roses** at the front of the sanctuary are in honor of Hudson Gene, the new grandson of Amy and Rod Kliewer, and Evelyn Mae, the daughter of Jake and Kelsy Allison and the granddaughter of Gary and Tracy Long.

There will be a **special congregational meeting** held on Sunday, February 28 following Sunday School to discuss and vote on the following motion brought by RMC Church Council:

Moved that

(1) Rainbow Mennonite Church accept the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Co. for exterior masonry rehabilitation in the amount of \$183,080 plus a \$10,000 contingency for a total of \$193,080.

And (2) Rainbow Mennonite Church finance the project through a 15 year loan from Commerce Bank in the amount of approximately \$515,000 at 3.98% for the first five years. The loan would be for the cost of the rehabilitation and to refinance our existing mortgage.

Mark Unruh and Gary Kaufman have agreed to be available in Fellowship Hall today for questions regarding this motion.

All are invited to take part in the following Lenten services and events:

Lenten Vespers will occur in the Sanctuary every Sunday evening during Lent at 5 pm. The songs, readings, prayers, candles, and silence that make up this contemplative service provide us a chance to be further reflective during this season of Lent.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal with Communion March 24 from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office.

Palm Sunday (March 20) led by the Bethel College Concert Choir, followed by a noon potluck.

Good Friday vigil (March 25) The Sanctuary and Sunflower Room will be open from 9am-9pm for individual reflection and prayer.

Easter egg decorating Friday, March 25 at 6:30 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26

A new church directory will be printed soon! Paper versions will be in the fellowship hall for people to correct during fellowship time. If you are not currently listed in the directory and would like to be, please email your contact information to office@rainbowmennonite.org or call 913-236-8820.

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 today.

Kid's Night Out is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, February 26th from 5-8pm. All children in grades K-5th are welcome to attend. Plan to bring a sack dinner. If you are interested in joining this evening of fun please email Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org by Wednesday, February 24th.

Have you got a **talent to share**?! (Of course you do!) The youth will be hosting a Variety Extravaganza on Sunday, March 6th at 6pm. If you are interested in participating in the Variety Show please email Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org. Everyone is welcome to share their gifts!

Terry Rouse will be the speaker at the Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, February 23 from 6-7:30 pm at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82ndSt, KCKS. He will be presenting on “Tiny Houses: Keeping What is Essential in Life.” You may also contact Karen Hostetler at karenh@sckck.org or at 913-485-0975 for more information. 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.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office Wednesday and Friday of this week.

Youth Updates

Sr high lunch discussion will be happening today from 11am-12:30pm. Join in for good discussion and food in the sr high room.

This Week

Sunday	February 21	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
		Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Tuesday	February 23	Unified Government Flood Planning	5:00 pm
Wednesday	February 24	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	February 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	February 26	Kids Night Out	5:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	February 28	Youth Mentor Committee Meeting	10:50 am
		Special Congregational Meeting	12:00 pm
		Lenten Vespers	5:00 pm
Tuesday	March 1	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 2	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.

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.