

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 15, 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 **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and George Melby**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg, Amy Kliever, and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

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## **Please pray for...**

- Please pray for Keith Jantz's family, especially his children Scott, Shannon and Taylor, as they grieve the death of their mother Lorry Dreyer.
- Please remember Becky and Pat MacDonald as they grieve the sudden death of Pat's son Kelin in Louisville, KY. Becky's parents are Wendell and Judy Selzer. Prayers are appreciated for all, including Kelin's mother Paige.
- Je T'aime Taylor as she continues to grieve the loss of her stillborn son Adisa Baraka. A Tree Planting Ceremony was held at Rainbow yesterday.

**Today's rose is in honor Emmet James**, born May 9, 2016 to parents Leah and David Gaeddert of North Newton, KS. Proud grandparents are Greg and Terri Gaeddert.

**Today there will be a reception for this year's high school seniors** in the Fellowship Hall following the church service. There will be cake and the opportunity to visit with this year's graduates – Anna McGuire and Carl Dean Yarwood.

A **brief congregational meeting** has been called TODAY immediately following Sunday school. A consultant from Western District Conference will be here to discuss the three-year pastoral review for Ruth Harder scheduled to begin today-June 5.

The **last sr high** lunch discussion will be today Sunday, May 15th from 11-12:30pm. Over lunch we will discuss the question, "Does God endorse violence?"

We are in the process of adding a hearing assistance system for those with hearing loss, along with several other changes to our sanctuary sound system. The cost to make those changes is around \$4500, which was not budgeted. We currently have pledges that will cover just over half the cost of the improvements. If you would **like to contribute** to this project please designate sound system in the check memo line.

**Park work day, May 21, 8 am:** There are railroad ties that need to be replaced before Freedom School. The more people we have, the easier it will be. High school athletics are especially welcome. There will be other tasks that need to be done, also. Something for everyone including trimming bushes, pulling weeds, tending the butterfly garden, etc. ~ The Playground Committee

Rainbow Mennonite Church will be hosting a Ministry Inquiry Student, Ryne Preheim, this summer. Ryne is a sophomore at Bethel College. Youth Program Director, Renee Reimer, is coordinating *Sunday Night Dinners with Ryne* as a way for Ryne to get to know people within the congregation and for the congregation to get to know Ryne. If you would like to host Ryne and Renee (or another young adult) on a Sunday evening this summer, please sign up through the link in the midweek or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Renee if you have any questions.

Mike Peters, LCSW, will be the presenter at the Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, May 24 from 6-7:30 pm in the West Wyandotte Library auditorium, 1737 N. 82nd St. KCKS. The topic is "**Rolling with the Punches**" and will focus on resilience and why some people are more successful than others in bouncing back from challenges and setbacks while in or anticipating retirement. There is no charge for the forum, but we do ask for registrations to help us plan for setup and light refreshments. You may also contact Karen Hostetler at [karenh@sckck.org](mailto:karenh@sckck.org) or at 913-485-0975. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

A note from Rainbow congregant **Delores Jankovich**: Healing Voices, a social action documentary, will have its Kansas City premiere on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The film seeks to answer the question "what do we talk about when we talk about mental illness?" Tickets are available at [www.FineArtsGroup.com](http://www.FineArtsGroup.com). There is also a gofundme to raise funds to bring the director to Kansas City, [www.gofundme.com/healingvoiceskc](http://www.gofundme.com/healingvoiceskc).

## Congrats to our 2016 graduates!

Below is a list of Rainbow congregants and member's children and grandchildren who are graduating this year.

### *High School*

Anna McGuire, Shawnee Mission West

Carl Dean Yarwood, Park Hill South High School

Holly Beachey, Minnetonka High School

### *Bachelors*

Briana Awad, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Pittsburg State University

### *Masters*

Doug Bartel, Master of French Literature, University of Kansas

Leah Schwarz, Master of Social Work, University of Kansas

### *Doctorate*

Emily Gundy, Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of Kansas

## **This Week**

Sunday	May 15	Jr High breakfast	8:30 am
		Reception for Sr High graduates	10:30 am
		Sr High lunch discussion	11:00 am
		Special congregational meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	May 17	Head Start meeting	4:45 pm
Wednesday	May 18	Personnel Committee meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday	May 19	Deacons meeting	11:30 am
Friday	May 20	Wedding	6:30 pm
Saturday	May 21	Park work day	8:00 am

## **Next Week**

Sunday	May 22	Sunday School teacher lunch	12:00 pm
		Youth Education Committee meeting	1:00 pm
Wednesday	May 25	Women's luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	May 26	Church Council meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	May 27	SCR meeting	8:00 am
		Wedding rehearsal	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 28	Wedding	3:00 pm

## Spring Adult Education Classes:

### **Jesus and His Jewish Influences ..... Room 111**

This class consists of lecture videos by Jodi Magness, Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The lectures address questions such as:

- How was early Judaism markedly different from the Rabbinic Judaism practiced today?
- What kind of world did early Jewish sects envision, and how does Jesus's world view relate to theirs?
- How did events like the Babylonian exile and the reign of Herod the Great affect the development of Judaism up to Jesus's time?
- What did it mean to be a Jew in ancient Israel? What did it mean for Jesus?

### **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.

### ***We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride ..... Wesley Room**

An immigrant boy whose family is struggling to assimilate. A middle-aged housewife coping with an imploding marriage and a troubled son. A social worker at home in the darker corners of Las Vegas. A wounded soldier recovering from an injury he can't remember getting. By the time we realize how these voices will connect, the impossible and perhaps the unbearable has already happened. *We Are Called to Rise* is a boomtown tale, in which the lives of people from different backgrounds and experiences collide in a stunning coincidence. When presented the opportunity to sink into despair, these characters rise. Emotionally powerful yet tender and intimate, *We Are Called to Rise* is a novel of redemption and unexpected love.

The **Why Christian** class is canceled today.