

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 29, 2017

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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, need a hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Carrie Parsons, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman, and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

We thank Sarah Klaassen, pastor of Rock Bridge Church Church in Columbia, MO, for loaning us the **Mennonite Peace and Service** banner at the front of the Sanctuary. It was designed by Mennonite Artist Bob Regier.

Our annual congregational business meeting will begin sharply at 12:30 pm (following potluck) today. Major agenda items will include 1) Discussion and vote on 2017 budget, 2) Vote on Gifts Discernment nominations, 3) Review of annual reports meeting 4) MVS Update, and 5) SCR update. The Annual Report is available today at the east and west entrance to the Sanctuary. A supervised activity will take place for children starting in the nursery.

Please pray for Ashton Wells' sister Chelsea, who has returned home from the hospital but is still in a lot of pain.

Please continue to pray for **Tracy Long and her family**. Tracy has returned home, and will require around the clock care. If you would like to sign up to spend some time with Tracy or to take the family a meal, please contact the church office.

Please pray for Angela Weis and the Hacker children, former members of Rainbow, as Robert Hacker passed away last night from a heart attack. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ray Peck Band Association.

We are so touched and we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support and generosity at last Sunday's celebration in honor of our October wedding. We are truly blessed to have found Rainbow. -M'Balia Thomas and Scott Cossel

We're updating the church directory! Paper copies are available to edit in the Fellowship Hall.

A **young adult potluck** will be taking place in the home of Jan and Lonnie Buerge TONIGHT (302 E 68th St, Kansas City, MO 64113). Bring a dish to share (table service will be provided) and please RSVP on Facebook.

A **Bethel College alumni** gathering will be held today from 1-4 pm (note the extended time) at Old Shawnee Pizza (19617 W. 101st Street Lenexa, KS 66220). Brad Kohlman will lead a short program covering college updates. RSVP at alumni@bethelks.edu

The MVSers are looking for a **few kitchen items**. Do you have these things lying around your house that you'd be willing to donate?

1. a blender (doesn't have to be high quality — just needs to do the job!),
2. metal serving spoons,
3. mixing/serving bowls.

If you have any of these items, feel free to email Christina at christinajoyhofer@gmail.com. Your support is much appreciated!

-MVS group

Sexual violence in the church is an uncomfortable and challenging subject for conversation, but one that's important to have as we explore our Mennonite identity this month. **You're invited to a lunch and learn conversation** with Dr. Stephanie Krehbiel, one of the forces behind the Our Stories Untold blog and the SNAPmenno accountability movement, on **Sunday, February 12**, in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Updates

Sonic drinks will be provided for jr high and sr high youth following the potluck this Sunday, January 29th. Please gather at the back of the fellowship hall at the start of the congregational meeting. We will stay for the first 10 minutes of the meeting (as a group) and then head up to the youth room for our own special youth meeting. See you Sunday!

The **February youth group** gathering will be happening on Sunday, February 5th and word on the street is that is also Super Bowl Sunday. Dave and Diane Richardson Spaite have agreed to host jr high and sr high youth for a super bowl party at their home (4108 Elledge Dr. Roeland Park, KS 66205). The game will be on, board games will be provided for those who do not want to watch the game, an alternative Puppy Bowl may also be on, and taco salad will be provided for supper. Please bring a dip to go along with the taco salad or a dessert if you plan to attend. Kick off is at 5:30pm!

Avila University’s Buchanan Initiative for Peace and Nonviolence is hosting a conference entitled “**Troost: A Vision for Peace & Action!**” on February 8th and 9th at Avila University. There will be poetry readings, speakers, and breakout workshops. Ken Parsons is one of the organizers for this event. For more information, go to peace.avila.edu.

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Attendance.....	160
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Sunday	January 29	Church Potluck	12:00 pm
		Annual Meeting	12:30 pm
		Sonic Chat	12:30 pm
		Young Adult Potluck	6:00 pm
Tuesday	January 31	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	February 1	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	February 3	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am

Next Week

Sunday	February 5	Youth Group	5:30 pm
Tuesday	February 7	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	February 8	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Jubilee Groupies	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	February 11	Sr High Lockin	6:00 pm

Adult Education Classes

***Religion for Atheists* Room 110**

This class will be a discussion of the book *Religion for Atheists: A Non-believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion* by Alain de Botton. Botton suggests that rather than mocking religion, agnostics and atheists should instead steal from it—because the world's religions are packed with good ideas on how we might live and arrange our societies. Blending deep respect with total impiety, de Botton (a non-believer himself) proposes that we look to religion for insights into how to, among other concerns, build a sense of community, make our relationships last, overcome feelings of envy and inadequacy, inspire travel and reconnect with the natural world.

***The Fire This Time, Part Two* Library**

This class will not meet this week as Joshua Chittum is at Snow Camp, but will resume next week.

To be or not to be an Anabaptist Mennonite..... Wesley Room

This class, facilitated by Pastor Ruth and friends, will compliment the January-February worship series where we will learn more about the gifts and challenges of belonging to a Mennonite denomination and global Anabaptist movement. If you've ever wanted a chance to learn more about the historical and contemporary realities Mennonites face, join us!

The class on climate change has been canceled for this quarter.