

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 26, 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.

Today's 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 **Karla Leuenberg, Nick Schroeder, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Today we welcome **Stanley Green** as our guest preacher. Stanley is the Executive Director of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN). One of the programs of MMN that Rainbow has supported over the years is Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). You can learn more about MVS during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary. Welcome Stanley!

Newcomers: The **Welcoming Committee** invites you to the designated "WELCOME TABLE" during coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall following service. Welcome to Rainbow!

Please pray for Bruce, Sandy, Holly, and Jill Wetzel as Bruce's mother Martyne Wetzel passed away last Thursday.

Please continue to pray for Tracy Long and her family as Tracy is on hospice care.

Today's roses are in honor of Apollo Viktor, son of Rachel Unruh and Tyson Goldsmith, grandson of Mark and Deanna Unruh and Eleanor Rae, daughter of Amy Ortman and Chuck Payne.

During the season of Lent the Rainbow community is invited to participate in **My Coins Count**, a Mennonite Central Committee project designed to collect all types of coins to raise funds for food and water projects all around the world. Sr high youth will take Rainbow's collection of coins to the MCC Sale in Hutchinson on April 7th-8th. Today instead of collecting them during worship, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall and look for the MCC table.

The vacant lot at the corner of Southwest Blvd and Mill Street is about to be transformed into **an orchard** to help provide fresh fruit for Freedom school children as well as those from the neighborhood who help maintain it. Join the Rainbows in Rosedale group planting a variety of trees and bushes on Thursday March 30. We will meet for lunch at noon and plant from 1 till 4 pm. For more information or to volunteer contact rainbows.in.rosedale@gmail.com or Terry Rouse at 816.810.0987.

Join us for these Lenten/Easter Events

- **Join us at 6 pm each Wednesday in Lent** (through April 5) for a contemplative time of centering prayer, music, and readings. For those who wish to arrive earlier for individual prayer and reflection, the sanctuary will be open starting at 5:30 pm for quiet reflection and the service officially beginning at 6 pm and lasting approximately 30-40 minutes.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 13 from 6:30-8 pm** (Fellowship Hall): A gathering of communion and supper around tables. Please RSVP (office@rainbowmennonite.org).
- **Easter egg boiling and decorating, April 14 at 6:30 pm**: Everyone is invited to help boil and color the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will begin to boil the eggs at 1 pm and decorate them at 6:30 pm. Signups for this event will take place mid-March.
- **Easter egg hunt, April 15 at 10:30 am** (Whitmore Park)
- **Easter Sunrise Service, April 16th at 7:00am**: This service will take place outside in the Rainbow Garden and will feature theatrical scripture readings, music, and a communion of seed planting in the garden. A free breakfast will be provided following the service.

We will be assisting **Trinity United Methodist Church** in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen at 645 Nebraska Avenue in downtown Kansas City, KS, on Friday, April 7, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet down by the coffee or contact Nancy Bosché.

Join us for a Whitmore Park workday on April 8 at 8 am to get the park ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! We are in need of wheel barrows, wood scoop shovels, leaf vacs, garden rakes, and people to help out.

Save the date! Our spring congregational meeting will be on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will begin promptly after Sunday School. Note that agenda items will include an update on Mennonite Voluntary Service and Sharing Community in Rosedale, as well as some proposed constitutional amendments that will need congregational approval. These amendments were sent to the congregation in an email March 24 and paper copies are available in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of having a potluck, the Social Committee is looking for a few volunteers to supply some light snacks (meat, crackers, cheese, and fruit). Please email the church office if you are willing to provide these food items.

Staff Update

Church Administrator Ashton Wells is part time for Rainbow and part time for Sharing Community in Rosedale. April 1 she will begin full time with SCR.

Youth Updates

Jr high and sr high youth service day is TODAY from 12-4pm. Lunch will be provided. We will be working with Aaron in the Rainbow garden so please bring work clothes!

Please mark your calendars to join us for lunch with your mentor / youth after Sunday School on April 23rd! This will be an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and midweek news. *Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Renee Reimer (renee@rainbowmennonite.org) so she knows how much pizza to purchase.*

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Attendance.....	138
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4

This Week

Sunday	March 26	Youth Service Day	12:00 pm
		Rainbows in Rosedale Potluck Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	March 28	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	March 29	Lenten Taizé Service	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	March 30	Orchard Planting	1:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	April 1	Rainbow Summer Program Brainstorming	9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	April 2	Youth Mentor Committee Meeting	11:00 am
		Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	April 4	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 5	Lenten Taizé Service	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	April 7	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
		Sr High Trip to MCC Sale	5:00 pm
Saturday	April 8	Park Workday	8:00 am
		Sr High MCC Sale	All Day

There will be one joint Adult Ed Class during Lent.

Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40!.....Sanctuary

The 40 day period of Lent (not including Sundays) seems like a good time to learn more about the 40-year history of Sharing Community in Rosedale (SCR), Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS), and Whitmore Park. In keeping with our Lenten garden theme, many people have done the hard work of clearing, digging, planting, and watering over the decades. How might these initiatives continue to thrive in the future? Join us as we learn about the first 40 years and imagine the next 40. Today will feature MVS, and the final two Sundays will feature Whitmore Park.