

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 9, 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 and greeters are **Janelle, Dave, Hannah, and Larissa Schrag**. 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 **Elizabeth Stamper, Jeff Janzen, and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of Tracy Long. Tracy died on April 7. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Rainbow Saturday, April 15 at 4:00pm with a light meal to follow.

The adult Sunday school hour today will feature a presentation and discussion regarding the future of Whitmore Playground. We'll meet in the Sanctuary.

Our spring congregational meeting will take place TODAY following Sunday School (11:50 am) in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to those who provided snacks for us to enjoy during the meeting.

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

The planting of the **Pocket Park orchard** was postponed due to our recent rains until **Wednesday April 12 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM**. We will be serving lunch at 12:30. The orchard will be used to provide fresh fruit for the scholars of the Rainbow Summer Program as well as community participants. If you would like to participate in this ground breaking event please contact Terry Rouse at rainbows.in.rosedale@gmail.com or 816.810.0987.

Join us for these Lenten/Easter Events

- **Tuesday, April 11 from 7-8:30pm** Listening session of **Dr. Martin Luther King's** speech **"Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence."** MLK gave this speech 50 years ago on April 4, 1967. Meet in the Sanctuary, with discussion to follow.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 13 from 6:30-8 pm** (Fellowship Hall): A gathering for all ages! There will be foot washing, communion, and supper around tables. Please RSVP (office@rainbowmennonite.org).
- **Easter egg boiling and decorating, April 14 at 6:30 pm** (Fellowship Hall)
- **Easter egg hunt, April 15 at 10:30 am** (Whitmore Park): Volunteers are still needed to help set up the hunt Saturday morning. Signup sheets are located in the fellowship hall.
- **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. Our indoor Easter service will begin at our usual time, 9:30 am.

Rainbow Church Council and Mennonite Voluntary Service Support Board need your input! We are facing some important questions and decisions regarding the future of Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Kansas City. Whether you are a newcomer or a longtime Rainbow attender, please take five minutes to complete the brief online questionnaire that was included in the midweek email. It's crucial that we hear from as many of you as possible as we make decisions regarding MVS. Please email the church office if you did not receive a link to this questionnaire or if you need assistance filling it out.

Do you like to eat pizza and play games? Then we have the volunteer opportunity for you. We will be hosting **Family Game Night on Thursday, April 20 from 6 to 8 PM.** We need volunteers to eat pizza as well as play games with and monitor the children of parents while they are attending the Rainbow Summer Program informational meeting. If this is something you in which you would like to participate contact Terry Rouse at trbikerkc@gmail.com or 816. 810.0987

Save the date for Rainbow's **Kids Night Out** on Friday, April 21st from 6-9pm. Children in grades K-5th are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org

With a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, we want to share with the congregation the new books created by the Visual Arts Committee to give information about the **artists and art in and around our church property**. Join the Visual Arts Committee on Sunday, April 30th at 4 pm to see the new 60-page "coffee-table" books that document our paintings, prints and sculptures. Members of the Visual Arts committee will be available to give tours using the new books. Snacks and birthday cake will add to our celebration as it also happens to be Leo Goertz's 95th birthday. Please RSVP to jbuerge302@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

As the semester begins to wind down, now is a great opportunity to reach out to our 5 college students (Carl Dean Yarwood, Danny Kaufman, Hannah Unruh, Will Moore, and Abby Banning). Rainbow will be collecting items for college care packages the next 3 Sundays. If you would like to donate anything to our college students please have them in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, April 23rd. Feel free to bring healthy snacks, homemade snacks, nonperishable microwave meals, or other fun little goodies (please note there is one vegetarian and one vegan in the group of college students when purchasing and making goodies). Direct any questions to Renee Reimer.

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 (reneer@rainbowmennonite.org) so she knows how much pizza to purchase.*

Staff Updates

On Thursday, March 30, Rainbow Church Council, with support from Rainbow's Personnel Committee, voted to hire **Carrie Parsons as our new full-time Church Administrator**. Carrie has begun in a part-time capacity already, with full-time work beginning Friday, April 14. Welcome, Carrie!

Youth Updates

There will be a **lock-in** for all jr high youth on Friday, April 14th in conjunction with the Easter Egg hunt. Supper will be served at 6pm with egg coloring beginning at 6:30pm followed by an evening of activities around the church. Jr high youth will then help set-up for the Easter Egg hunt Saturday morning until 11:30am or so.

April 2

Attendance.....	131
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6
General Fund	\$6,540.00
Other Donations	\$299.10
Total.....	\$6,953.10

This Week

Sunday	April 9	Spring Congregational Meeting	11:50 am
		Whitmore Playground Committee	6:00 pm
Tuesday	April 11	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	April 12	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	April 13	Maundy Thursday Communion Meal	6:30 pm
Friday	April 14	Egg Boiling	1:00 pm
		Jr High Lock-in	6:00 pm
		Egg Coloring	6:30 pm
Saturday	April 15	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	April 16	Easter Sunrise with breakfast to follow	7:00 am
		Easter Worship Service (indoor)	9:30 am
Monday	April 17	Church office closed (staff holiday)	All day
Thursday	April 20	Rainbow Summer Program Parent Mtg	6:00 pm
Friday	April 21	Kids Night Out	6:00 pm

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

During the 40 day period of Lent (not including Sundays) we have been learning 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 a discussion regarding the future of Whitmore Playground. Join us!