

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 21, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship. 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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's ushers are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Jeff Janzen, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Remembering in Prayer...

- The family of Dan and LeeAnn Duncan as they grieve the loss of Dan's mother.
- Pat Bertsche who fell and broke her right wrist.
- Linda Emory as she recovers from recent leg amputation surgery.
- Betty Bodine and Joe Duerksen who are now receiving care at Benton Place.
- Markus Groebner's niece, Bailey Noel Bowles, who is hospitalized following a vehicle-related accident.

Announcements

Rosi Penner Kaufman and Mitch Kaufman will present a "preview" recital this afternoon at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. It will include music for organ and organ and trombone, around the theme of "Moved by the Spirit." The recital will include works by Pietro Yon, Jakob Praetorius, Frank Bridge, Gardner Read and J.S. Bach.

2018 Rainbow Retreat Planning will be January 25th at 7:00pm in the Sunflower Room. The retreat's focus will be on classic anti-racist concepts of power, privilege, and identity. Our learning will help further the goal of dismantling racism at individual and institutional levels. Email Joshua Chittum.

From now until April 8th the children and youth Sunday School offertory will be designated to Mennonite Central Committee's *My Coins Count* project. The Sr High youth will then take all the coins we collected to the MCC Sale on April 13-14. Each Sunday School class has a 5 gallon water bucket...let's see who can fill their bucket! There is also a 5 gallon bucket in the fellowship hall for those of us that may not be in a children or youth Sunday School class but would still like *our* coins to count! Here's one story about how MCC uses our coins to make a difference around the world with clean water, sustainable food, or accessible education:

"Arriving by horse or camel, hundreds of people from the surrounding area flock to Teriturenne, a village in central Chad, to celebrate a new well MCC helped to build. In this remote camel-herding region, many people speak Dazaga, a local language, instead of the French used in government schools in Chad. Since 2015, MCC has supported the first school in the area that gives children the chance to have classes in Dazaga. Because of the new well, which has four access points, girls can spend less time waiting in line for water and are less likely to be late for school."

Our church will be assisting Trinity Community Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, February 2, from 10:30 am to 1:00pm. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall during Sunday morning coffee time or contact Nancy Bosche'.

Are you interested in doing a week of hurricane relief through Mennonite Disaster Service in late April or early May? For details contact Robert Kaufman.

Lots Going on Next Sunday, January 28th...

- There will be **safe sanctuary training on January 28th** beginning promptly at 10:50am so we can all be on time for the potluck. Safe Sanctuary is required annually for all volunteers working with children and youth (SS teachers, mentors, sponsors, nursery, WorshipArts, faith formation board), deacons, and church council. If you completed this training in the fall of 2017 you are good to go until the fall of 2018.
- Our annual business meeting will be Sunday, January 28 following an 11:30am potluck. Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are located in the east and west foyers outside of the sanctuary. A digital copy can be found on the church website under the Congregational Login page or you can link to the report in coming midweek emails.

- Attention children, youth and adult Sunday School teachers: Please note that the Annual Meeting Potluck on January 28 begins at 11:30am, so plan to end your class early enough for people to get a good spot in line for lunch! Thank you!
- Bethel College representative, Andrew Schmidt, will be at Rainbow on Sunday, January 28th. Andrew will be available during the fellowship time and Sunday School hour and plans to eat lunch and chat with the Sr High youth during the annual meeting.

Mennonite Church

Mennonite Disaster Service Kansas Unit Annual Meeting is this afternoon at Journey Mennonite Church, 808 South Poplar Street, South Hutchinson. The meeting at 2 pm will include reporting from the Ashland and Eureka projects.

Full time students who have a relationship with Everence are eligible to apply for Everence college scholarships. **Scholarship applications will be accepted now through February 28, 2018.** You can find a scholarship application form along with more information about our scholarship and grant programs on the Everence website.

Community Event

Join us at the January 23 Next Chapter KC forum to listen to and discuss the TED talk, "Let's End Ageism." It is presented by Ashton Applewhite, author of "This Chair Rocks." The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler.

Adult Education Options

The Flight of Peter Fromm by Martin Gardner

Facilitator: Clif Hostetler

Room 111

God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church by Bradley Roth

Facilitator: Eric Jantzen

Library

Girls & Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape by Peggy Orenstein

Facilitators: Kenn Goertz and Sallie Page Goertz

Sunflower Room

The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart by Peter J. Gomes

Facilitators: Bill Gourley and Pastor Ruth Harder

Wesley Room

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Attendance.....	115
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
Offering	TBD

This Week

Sunday	Jan 21	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Live Stream Worship	9:30am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	11:00am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Organ and Trombone Recital	4:00pm
		Catechism Class	6:00pm
		Monday	Jan 22
Tuesday	Jan 23	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		RPAC Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 24	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Thursday	Jan 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
		Church Retreat Planning Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 28	Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
		Congregational Potluck	11:30am
		Congregational Annual Business Meeting	12:15pm
		Catechism Class	6:00pm
Tuesday	Jan 30	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Jan 31	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm