

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 11, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Barbara Baumgartner, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Kennedy Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

For updates on Leo Goertz, please go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/leogoertz
Overall, Leo is resting comfortably, and accepts some visiting. Please check with the family to schedule the best time and to avoid over-tiring him. ~ Kenn Goertz

A big "thank you" for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and food we received following my surgery and broken wrist. They were very appreciated. ~Pat Bertsche

Linda Emory is recovering at Villa St. Francis Catholic Care Center after her recent leg amputation.

Joe Duerksen is now home after spending several weeks at Benton House of Lenexa. Betty Bodine continues to be cared for at Benton House.

Present on Earth: The Lord's Prayer...

Our current worship series is called "Present on earth," based on The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4). Historically this prayer has been an important lens through which to see and understand Jesus. It is, as some argue, a hymn of hope and revolutionary manifesto for all humanity as it cries out for justice, bread, forgiveness and deliverance.

This Morning at Rainbow

Send some love and support to our 6 college students with a **Rainbow college care package!** The faith formation board will be collecting healthy snacks, fun gadgets, or notes of support this morning in the fellowship hall.

Rainbow is fortunate to have Everence representative Mitch Stutzman joining us this morning. He will be available during fellowship and Sunday School time to provide information about Everence products and services such as financial planning, disability and life insurance, Medicare supplemental insurance, retirement savings, budgeting and more.

Announcements

Everyone is invited to a **candlelight vesper (early evening) service starting at 6:30pm on Ash Wednesday, February 14.** Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent. Please note there will be no choir rehearsal or meal this evening.

*During the season of Lent, the Worship Committee will continue hosting Wednesday early evening prayer services, also known as Vespers. Stay tuned for more information.

This past fall Rainbow children and youth collected enough money and hygiene items to fill 223 Mennonite Central Committee Hygiene Kits from their Sunday School offering! This semester (until April 8th) we will be collecting coins for **MCC's My Coins Count project.** Sr high youth will take all of these coins collected to the MCC Sale April 13-14. Let's see if we can fill each one of those buckets in our Sunday School rooms!

Looking for acts, or a variety skills, or a bit of talent for the **Variety Show Extravaganza** the youth group will be hosting on Sunday, March 4th from 6-8pm. Youth will be providing desserts for all to enjoy. Please email Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org if you are interested in participating in the Variety Show (open for all to participate).

Youth Updates

The next Jr High breakfast will be scheduled for Sunday, February 18th beginning at 8:30am. Meet in the Jr High Sunday School for food and community!

Staff Updates

Renee Reimer will be out of the office February 4th-10th taking a Hebrew Readings class at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN.

Rosi Penner Kaufman and Mitch Kaufman will present an organ and trombone recital on this afternoon at 4:00 in the chapel of the administration building at Bethel College. The theme of the recital is "Moved by the Spirit", and seeks to draw attention to the ways music moves the composer, the performer, and hopefully the listener.

Community Events

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is organizing state-by-state to unite people across the U.S. to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, war & Creation degradation. See the Rainbow News midweek email for a link with more details.

- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly at (913) 677-5097 or Kimberly@Rosedale.org. The next Kansas conference call will be **6:30-7:00pm the first Tuesday** of the month.
- **To get involved in KCMO**, contact Ben at BenParkerSutter@gmail.com. The next major KCMO action is **Monday, February 12**; bring your lunch to 4526 Paseo for a noon march to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the start of the Memphis sanitation strike.

Come hear the **Medical Arts Symphony**, Saturday, February 24 at 8:00pm at Battenfield Auditorium, KU Medical Center. Admission is free.

Mennonite News

Everence is offering a special opportunity for individuals who plan to attend college in the fall. 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 our website.

Camp Mennoscah online registration is open for **2018 Camps and 2018 Retreats** at campmennoscah.org. You can also apply online if you are interested in becoming a summer staff.

Raise the Roof in Song: Hymn Sing and Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) on Sunday, February 18, 4 pm (doors open at 3:30 pm to view auction items) at Southern Hills Mennonite Church. Join us in a fun way to raise funds for MDS.

February 4, 2018

Attendance	173
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2
General Fund	\$ 3,392.00
Other Donations	\$ 229.63
Total Offering	\$ 3,621.63

This Week

Sunday	Feb 11	Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
		SCR Board Retreat	2:00pm
		Catechism Class	6:00pm
Monday	Feb 12	Rainbows on the Run Meeting	7:30pm
Tuesday	Feb 13	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Feb 14	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Ash Wednesday Service	6:30pm
	Feb 15	Trustees' Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Feb 16	Sr High Snow Camp through Sunday, Feb 18	

Next Week

Sunday	Feb 18	First Sunday of Lent	
		Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
Tuesday	Feb 20	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Feb 21	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Feb 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Adult Education Options through February 25

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 & Sallie Page-Goertz, Sunflower Room

The Good Book: Reading the Bible with
Mind and Heart

by Peter J. Gomes

Facilitators: Bill Gourley & Pastor Ruth Harder, Wesley Room