

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 18, 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 **David Becker and David Bluford**. Greeters are **George Melby and Samantha Stayton**. 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 **Ashton Wells, Elizabeth Stamper and Joel Bollinger**

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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
- * Please pray for the 10 Rainbownites traveling home from Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp today from Snow Camp. Youth participants are Kennedy Kaufman, Mia Roman, Maddie Bollinger, Liberty Brigman, Marina Kaufman, Liz McCandless, and Jacob Kaufman. The sponsors supervising these cool cats are Christian Buller, Holly Wetzel, and Renee Reimer.

This Morning at Rainbow...

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Over this 40 day period of repentance and renewal, we will have opportunities to journey with Jesus, who long ago approached Jerusalem and wept, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace." (Luke 19:41-42) Thank you to Seth Campbell for creating and donating the origami cranes, which have become a symbol of peace in our modern world. Also front and center is the Mennonite Church USA Peace Lamp. This lamp is a replica of the Peace Lamp given to the President of Iran by a delegation of American religious leaders in 2007. This Peace Lamp will burn throughout season of Lent calling us to express our hope for Peace through ongoing action and prayer.

During the Season of Lent...

The Worship Committee will host early evening prayer services, known as Vespers, on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. A baked potato bar will be available beginning at 5:45. Anyone attending the prayer service is welcome to stay for potatoes afterwards. Suggested meal donation: \$5 or maximum \$15 per family.

Children's Time will include collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee's *My Coins Count Project*. This is a great way for children, adults, and the whole church to become involved in the relief work of MCC around the world. Our spare change can add up - last year during lent we collected \$926.47 in coins! Start looking under couch cushions and in your car for those coins and begin bringing them next Sunday, February 25th to the worship services!

Announcements

You are invited to an evening of desserts and laughter on **Sunday, March 4th for the 3rd annual Variety Show Extravaganza from 6-8pm, hosted by the youth group!** All are welcome to this sure to be wonderful time together in the church performing arts center (AKA: the fellowship hall) and will include entertainment by all sorts of folks!

- Youth will be providing desserts for purchase to raise funds for upcoming trips.
- We're still looking for acts, variety skills, or a bit of talent!
- Please email Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org if you are interested in participating (open for all to participate).

Know anyone who is interested in volunteering with **Mennonite Voluntary Service**? We have four great placement options here in KC, including a new placement here at Rainbow! Please spread the word and encourage people you know to look into it!

Rainbow Summer Program is hiring summer interns! Interns serve in the classrooms during the program and are paid a stipend of \$2,800 for the summer. For more information on how to apply, please visit the Rainbow website and choose "Rainbow Summer Program" under the "Serve" tab.

Staff Updates

Renee Reimer will be out of the office (and country!) until Tuesday, February 27th. See you all at the Variety Show Extravaganza on Sunday, March 4th at 6pm!

Terry Rouse will be out of the office February 26 - March 1.

Community Events

Come hear the **Medical Arts Symphony**, Saturday, February 24 at 8:00pm at Battenfield Auditorium, KU Medical Center. Mary Redmon will be performing. Admission is free. [Click here](#) to see a flyer with more details.

People of all ages are invited to the **Next Chapter KC** forum on Tuesday, February 27 from 6:00 to 7:30pm. The focus will be on "Community Engagement: Making a Difference." Contact Karen for more information.

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.

- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly Hunter. The next Kansas conference call will be 6:30-7:00pm the first Tuesday of the month.
- **To get involved in KCMO**, contact Ben Parker Sutter. The next major KCMO event is the Poor People's Campaign Faith Assembly on Saturday, March 24 from 1-5pm at Swope Parkway United Christian Church.

The former Rosedale Ridge (up the hill from our church) will be included in the April tax sale. The neighborhood may have the opportunity to advocate for redevelopment of the property. If you are interested in the future of Rosedale Ridge, please email erin@rosedale.org with your thoughts- what would be an appropriate use for this property? What would be an inappropriate use?

Mennonite News

Raise the Roof in Song: Hymn Sing and Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) today at 4:00pm (doors open at 3:30 pm to view auction items) at Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka, KS. Join us in a fun way to raise funds for MDS.

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

Register for 2018 **Camp Mennoscah** camps and retreats or apply for summer staff positions online at campmennoscah.org.

February 11, 2018

Attendance	148
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 7,050.00
Other Donations	\$ 62.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,112.00

This Week

Sunday	Feb 18	First Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Returns from Snow Camp	
Tuesday	Feb 20	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Feb 21	Storage Committee Meeting	10:30am
		Choir / Evening Prayer Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Feb 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Feb 25	Second Sunday in Lent	
Monday	Feb 26	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Feb 27	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Feb 28	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir / Evening Prayer Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Mar 3	Orchard Pruning Workshop – Giving Grove	10:00am

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