

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 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 and greeters are **Dave, Janelle, 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 **Ashton Wells, Carrie Parsons and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Steven Cress**

Remembering in Prayer...

- * Please continue to pray for Phyllis and Bob Carlson as Phyllis recovers at home from her recent surgery which successfully removed oral carcinoma.
- * 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 continue to pray for Linda Emory who is recovering from a recent leg amputation, as well as a recent infection which required additional hospitalization this week. She is currently back at Villa St Francis.

During the Season of Lent...

Today is the fourth 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.

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! Keep looking under couch cushions and in your car for those coins and bring them each Sunday to the morning worship services during the season of Lent.

Announcements

Rainbow Church Council has an updated draft of congregational goals for everyone's review. You can find a virtual copy in last week's midweek email or a hard copy in the east and west foyers. Please contact Christian Buller and/or Duane Graber no later than March 15 if you have additional feedback to offer Church Council. Pending feedback, Church Council plans to bring forward a final listing of goals for congregational approval at our April 29 congregational meeting.

Please join us for a playground work day beginning at 8am on Saturday, March 24 in the Whitmore Playground. We will be spreading woodchips, trimming bushes, raking leaves, and performing general clean up in preparation for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We plan to be finished by noon so as not to conflict with the March for Our Lives taking place in Kansas City that afternoon. We will have donuts and snacks!

The week known as Holy Week for Christians is fast approaching! All are invited to a **Maundy Thursday communion and supper gathering from 6:30-8pm Thursday, March 29**. Stay tuned for other Holy Week activities including the Whitmore Playground Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 10:30am.

Volunteers are needed for the Easter Egg hunt which will be happening on Saturday, March 31st at 10:30am. Join the fun by signing up to volunteer the day of the event! Sign-up sheets are located in the fellowship hall.

Do you have some children's books to donate for a good cause? The Outreach Committee would like to give each child coming to our annual Easter Egg Hunt a book or two to take home that day. We hope to have enough titles so that each child will find something special. There is a box in Fellowship Hall for collecting the donated books.

Join the volunteers going to Victoria Co., Texas April 8-14 to do home repair and/or new construction through Mennonite Disaster Service. For more details contact Robert Kaufman.

Rainbow Garden has announced its “**Help Rainbow Summer Program Grow**” volunteer dates! Volunteers will help prepare our beds for the Rainbow Summer Program kids, who will spend mornings through the term learning where their food comes from! We need pairs of working hands for light working of our garden beds on the following Saturdays from 9am - noon: March 17, April 14, May 12, June 9. Mark your calendars and contact Aaron Barnhart if you have questions!

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.

Youth Updates

The March Jr High breakfast will be on Sunday, March 18th beginning at 8:30am in the Jr High SS room. Join in for food and conversation!

Sr High lunch discussion will happen on Sunday, March 18th from 11am-12:30pm. We will meet in the Sr High SS room.

Staff Updates

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office March 12 and 13.

Community Events

From Rainbow Peace and Social Justice Network:

- The Women’s March’s Youth EMPOWER group is planning a **national school walkout** on March 14 at 10 a.m. Organizers are encouraging teachers, students, administrators, parents and allies to walk out for 17 minutes—one for every person killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
- **March for our Lives- Greater Kansas City** is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 12 pm-4pm. This is part of the nationwide effort to advocate for gun reform. The march will begin at Theis Park, across from the Nelson-Atkins (533 Emanuel Cleaver Blvd, KCMO 64110).
 - * For those interested in attending this intergenerational event, look for information coming soon about meeting at Rainbow to march as a church community. If interested, RSVP using the link in the midweek email or contact the church office so we can coordinate transportation.

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 KCMO**, contact Ben Parker Sutter. The next major KCMO event is the Poor People's Campaign Faith Assembly on Saturday, March 24 from 3-5pm at Community Christian Church, 4601 Main St, KCMO 64112. **NOTE THE NEW TIME AND LOCATION**, which will take place after and down the street from the March for Our Lives. Join local leaders and national faith leaders, Rev. Liz Theoharris and Rev. Jimmie Hawkins for a special day of learning, multi-racial movement building, and strategizing.
- **To get involved in KCK**, contact Kimberly Hunter. The next Kansas conference call will be 6:30-7pm the first Tuesday of the month.

March 4, 2018

Attendance.....	176
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 9,296.00
Other Donations	\$ 301.50
Total Offering	\$ 9,597.50

This Week

Sunday	Mar 11	Fourth Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Begins)	
		Rainbows on the Run Meeting	10:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 13	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Mar 14	Women's Luncheon	11:00pm
		Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 18	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Rainbows on the Run Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 20	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday	Mar 21	Meal	5:45pm
		Evening Prayer	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm