

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 25, 2018

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 **Jonathan Bollinger and Andrew Toews**. Greeters are **Dick Tatro and Rebecca Claassen**. 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, for ages 0-4, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Brenda Tatro, Karen Uhlenhuth and Lia Uhlenhuth**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for Laura Schmidt who is receiving rehab care at Bishop Spencer Place after falling last week Saturday and suffering two breaks in her leg.

Erica & Darin Penner invite you to visit their CaringBridge site for updates and insights about Darin's health and the highs and lows that come as they confront MS. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pennerfamily>

Holy Week at Rainbow

This morning the **WorshipArts** children and adult choir will join in a processional bringing palm branches and cranes to the front of the sanctuary. The worship arts children will gather at the back of the sanctuary during the prelude.

Maundy Thursday Communion and Supper, Thursday, March 29, 6:30-8:00pm

All are welcome for communion and supper provided by the social committee in the fellowship hall. If you plan to attend, please RSVP online through the link provided in the midweek email or contact the church office so we can plan to have enough food!

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10:30am

- Children under the age of 10 are invited to attend the 33rd annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted in Whitmore Playground on Saturday, March 31st beginning at 10:30am. Come early to meet the Easter Bunny and have your face painted!
- Volunteers are needed for the Easter Egg hunt! Join the fun by signing up to volunteer for the day of the event. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall.
- 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.

Easter Morning Worship, Next Sunday, April 1

Join in witnessing and celebrating the baptisms of Mia Roman, Kennedy Kaufman and Madeline Bollinger.

Announcements

We are still collecting coins for **Mennonite Central Committee's *My Coins Count Project***. Please drop your coins in the buckets located in the fellowship hall and children's Sunday School rooms.

For those who utilize the nursery, we are happy you are here! If you take your little ones to get donuts after church, please communicate with the volunteers if you are planning to bring them back up for the Sunday School hour.

We will be assisting Trinity Community Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, April 6, 2018, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. If you want to volunteer to help that day, you may contact Nancy Bosché. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Two of our regular volunteers are unable to help this time, so we need some extra volunteers. Please consider giving this a try.

Calling all runners, walkers, Rosedale lovers, and anyone who knows of Rainbow: The youth group is hosting the first ever (a pilot year!) ***Rainbows on the Run 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 9:00am***. Enjoy running or walking with friends and family and getting to know the neighborhood around the church together. Plus, everyone will have the opportunity to win PRIZES! See midweek email for a link to register or contact the church office.

Save the date for our next congregational meeting, Sunday, April 29. Potluck will begin at 11:30am with meeting to follow.

There is a new Mennonite church in Kansas City called Eden Life Church! This is a church plant of South Central Conference of MC USA. A new church building was purchased at 4233 Independence Ave. Omot and Hanna Aganya, the church planters, plan to start three services for different language groups. One celebration service (primarily in English) is being held this morning. A letter of welcome and encouragement was sent from Rainbow.

Rainbow Summer Program News

- **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 see the Rainbow website under the serve tab.
- **Hiring Aftercare Coordinator:** This position is responsible for 20-25 scholars from 3:00-5:30 pm M-F, coordinating activities and working with volunteers. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to sharinginrosedale@gmail.com.

Youth Updates

The Jr High lock in will be held on Friday, March 30th at 6pm. We will be preparing for the Easter Egg hunt Friday evening and helping to set-up on Saturday morning. Please RSVP to Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org if you plan to attend.

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.

- **To get involved in KCMO,** contact Ben Parker Sutter. We're starting to look forward to possible civil disobedience actions in the coming months. Contact Ben if this is something that interests you!
- **To get involved in KCK,** contact Kimberly Hunter. The next Kansas conference call will be 6:30-7 pm the first Tuesday of the month.

This month's Next Chapter Kansas City forum will feature an Author Talk by Lewis Diuguid speaking about his book *Our Fathers: Making Black Men*, which is a memoir about his father. The presentation will also include suggestions on how to write a memoir. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library on March 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Contact Karen Hostetler for info.

March 18, 2018

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| Attendance..... | 142 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 9 |
| General Fund | \$ 15,052.00 |
| Other Donations | \$ 212.50 |
| Total Offering | \$ 15,264.50 |

This Week

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| Sunday | Mar 25 | Palm Sunday | |
| | | Youth Breakfast | 8:45am |
| Monday | Mar 26 | SCR Board Meeting | 6:30pm |
| Tuesday | Mar 27 | Staff Meeting | 1:30pm |
| Wednesday | Mar 28 | Women's Luncheon | 11:00am |
| | | Choir Dinner | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |
| Thursday | Mar 29 | Maundy Thursday Service | 6:30pm |
| Friday | Mar 30 | Good Friday | |
| | | Jr High Lock in | 6:00pm |
| Saturday | Mar 31 | Easter Egg Hunt | 10:30am |

Next Week

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| Sunday | April 1 | Easter Sunday | |
| Monday | April 2 | Church Office Closed | |
| Tuesday | April 3 | Staff Meeting | 1:30pm |
| | | Worship Committee Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | April 4 | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |
| Friday | April 6 | Willa Gill Food Kitchen | 10:30am |

Adult Education Options

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness by Michelle Alexander
Facilitator: James Rexford Room 111

Reading the Gospel of Luke as Mennonites Today

Facilitator: Leroy Seat and Ruth Harder Wesley Room

Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler

Facilitators Dale Graham and Ed Neufeld Sunflower Room