

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 6, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

We invite you to sign our friendship register when it is passed during the offering. Between the worship service and Sunday School, please consider joining us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Look for the Welcome Table!

Today's ushers and **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. 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 children birth - four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Karla Leuenberg and Kennedy Kaufman**

Closing Trustees: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

On Tuesday, April 17, Leo Goertz, died in his home a few days shy of his 96th birthday. His funeral will be at Rainbow on Saturday, May 19 at 10:30am.

Please pray for Amy Kliewer as she recovers at home from a recent hip replacement surgery. And pray that her husband Rod can keep up with her!

Today at Rainbow:

- Today our preacher is Eric Garbison, a Presbyterian minister who helps oversee the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker house in northeast Kansas City, MO. Eric is here today to share more about The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival challenging racism, poverty, war and creation degradation. Eric will be introduced by Ben Parker Sutter, a Rainbow congregant who is currently living at Cherith Brook, together with his wife, Grace.
- Today we also welcome Mennonite youth pastors from around the United States. They are here following a gathering held this weekend in downtown Kansas City. (One of the reasons they are gathering in Kansas City this year is to get acquainted with the city before the MCUSA Convention, which will be held in downtown Kansas City July 2-6th, 2019.) As a gesture of hospitality, we have invited these Mennonite youth leaders to stay for lunch.

Next Sunday, May 13: We will join Western District Conference Minister in a ministerial licensing blessing for Rosi Penner Kaufman, Rainbow's Minister of Worship and Music. Rosi's official credential is "Licensing toward ordination," a license issued for a minimum of a two-year period for the purpose of further testing the inner and outer call to ministry.

Announcements

The Rainbow Guest House (AKA: MVS House) is in search of 5-6 box or standing fans. If you would like to donate some fans to help keep our visitors and residents "cool" in the coming months please bring them to the church fellowship hall labeled: RGH fan donation. Thank you!

Do you have a graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming **Rainbow Graduate List**. Please email your student's name, current school (and their degree, if applicable) by May 15 to office@rainbowmennonite.org

You are all invited to a graduation party (AKA a "thank you for all your support" party) to celebrate my completion of the physical therapy program at KUMC. It will be held May 12 from 3-5 PM at Lizzie's house. I would love to see you all there! ~ Lizzie Shelly

Save the Date! On Sunday, May 20, we will join in giving thanks for and saying goodbye to Youth and Outreach Ministries Director, Renee Reimer, as she prepares to move to Indiana to complete her seminary studies. Following Sunday school on the 20th, there will be a brief gathering in Whitmore Playground, followed by a potluck-style taco bar at noon. See the midweek email for a link to sign up for the potluck or contact the church office to let us know what you can contribute.

The last day of children's and youth Sunday School for the spring semester will be May 20th. There will be no Sunday School this summer.

Camp Mennoscah is accepting registrations for summer camps. If you or someone you know is in need of a scholarship, please contact Deacon Chair, Amy Kliever or Pastor Ruth (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org).

Youth Updates

The youth group activity tonight will be from 5-8pm. Note the earlier time! This is to allow us some extra travel time for a progressive dinner at fellow Rainbownite's homes. Please arrive at church no later than 5pm if you plan to attend.

Member Updates

Today! Spring concert by the East Hill Singers: This unique choir, consisting of minimum security inmates and volunteer community singers, has been entertaining audiences for more than 20 years. Rainbow attendees Duane Graber, Clif Hostetler, Duane Krehbiel, George Melby and Wendell Selzer are all participants in the choir. The concert begins at 4:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS. An Art Exhibit and Sale open at 3:00pm.

World's Window and owners Jan and Lonnie Buerge are in the midst of their annual "Flipping Favorites" clothing drive for Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence program and shelter. Donations of clean, gently-used and new women's clothing are needed for women trying to make a new start free of abuse. Donations accepted through Monday, May 7th and then a big "Flipping Favorites" grand finale party with their \$10-per-hanger clothing shopping benefit for Rose Brooks. For more information, see <http://www.worldswindowkc.com/events>.

April 29, 2018

Attendance.....	151
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 5,848.50
Other Donations	\$ 3,684.05
Total Offering	\$ 9,532.55

This Week

Sunday	May 6	Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
		Youth Group Progressive Dinner	5:00pm
Tuesday	May 8	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	May 9	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	May 10	Trustee's Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Monday	May 14	Deacon's Meeting	5:30pm
Saturday	May 19	Leo Goertz Funeral	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
Facilitators: 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