

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 20, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to 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 join us for coffee and donuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Visitors and newcomers, please look for the Rainbow Connections Table!

This morning's ushers **Andy Toews and Mitch Kaufman**. Greeters are **George Melby and Jake Beachey**. Please ask 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 and is available for children from birth to age 4. This morning's nursery workers are **Melissa Funk, Alison Flores and Liberty Brigman**. The closing trustee is **Clif Hostetler**.

This Morning at Rainbow...



Our speaker this morning is Ben Parker Sutter, Interim Outreach Ministries Director at Rainbow. Ben has been attending Rainbow since December 2017 and has enjoyed getting to better know the community surrounding Rainbow through this work. Ben is also a distance student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, working toward a Masters of Divinity. Previous to working at Rainbow, Ben and his wife Grace lived at Cherith Brook Catholic Worker in Kansas City, Missouri.

- Worship 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:25am
- Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
 - ◆ *Historical Jesus* by Bart Ehrman, Ph.D. - Facilitator: Clif Hostetler, Room 111
 - ◆ *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult - Facilitator: June Seat, Library
 - ◆ *Einstein's God - Conversations About Science & the Human Spirit* by Krista Tippett - Facilitator: Keith Jantz, Wesley Room
 - ◆ *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt - Facilitator: Mike Hiebert, Sunflower Room

Remembering in Prayer...

- Bill and Charity Gourley's daughter, Stacy, is now under hospice care at Lakeview Village Care Center. The Gourleys request that they have no visitors as they spend these hours and days with Stacy. They have expressed appreciation for their Rainbow family.
- It is with sadness that we announce that Bill Goodman died on January 10, 2019. He was still in the hospital under the care of Hospice. Bill's family is working to schedule his memorial service. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.
- Please continue to keep Dave, Hannah, and Larissa Schrag in your prayers. If you are interested in taking a meal to them, please sign up at the link below or contact Dave directly. In addition, Dave would appreciate any simple recipes that you have to share. <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/CSZN7102>

Announcements

During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons are taking turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. David Stewart is on call January 14-27.

The 2018 Annual Report is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary. You can also access a digital version of the report on the church website under the password protected congregational login or in the recent all church email sent last Sunday. Please note our Annual Congregational Business Meeting and potluck will take place next Sunday, January 27, 2019 at noon.

Next Sunday, January 27, the youth will hold a cinnamon roll sale immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Funds raised will help pay the cost for youth attending the MC USA Conference this summer.

Rainbow Young Adults! Let's escape this cold January weather and enjoy hot tubbing at Jan and Lonnie Buerge's house -- in honor of Eliot's birthday! We'll gather on January 26 at 6:00pm at The Buerge Home. Feel free to come and go as needed! Supper will be potluck style: Jan and Lonnie will provide barbecue sandwiches and drinks so please bring a side dish to share. Also, feel free to bring a game to play, in addition to your swimsuit, of course! We'd love to see you there! Email Christina with any questions.

Staff Updates

Terri Gaeddert and Rosi Penner Kaufman will travel to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 24-26. They have been invited to present two workshops and be part of a panel discussion related to our WorshipArts program for the Calvin Symposium on Worship. The Symposium expects over 1,200 registrants and there are 150 presenters. We will do our best to represent Rainbow!

Youth Updates and Events

Saturday, January 26

- 6:00pm Senior High Lock in and Cinnamon Roll Making

Sunday, January 27

- 10:30am Cinnamon Roll Sale: Fundraiser for youth attendance to the MCUSA conference this summer
- 12:00-1:00pm Jr and Sr High Sonic Chat in youth rooms
- Deposit for MC USA due: Sr High deposit is \$250, Jr High \$150

Sunday February 2

- 5:00-8:00pm Jr and Sr High Youth Group Super Bowl Party at Gary and Kathy Kaufman's house

Mennonite Church USA Convention Youth July 2-6 Registration Information July 2-6 and **youth registration is due January 27!**

- Please fill out the form linked in the midweek and return it to Ben Parker Sutter or see Christian Buller during coffee time this morning to fill out paperwork.
- Please include a registration contribution of **\$150 for Jr. High youth and \$250 for Sr. High youth**. If needed, please talk to Ben about scholarship opportunities.
- Sr high youth will spend the whole week together and stay in the convention hotels.
- Jr high youth will attend the convention programming 8am-5pm daily, with a lock-in at the church on Friday night. Jr highers will need to be picked up after programming each day.
- Contact Ben (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) for more information.

Community News

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, January 22 will focus on "Making It More About Marbles." Rich Maxwell, a former elementary school teacher, has organized after-school marble clubs for kids, presented at senior facilities, and also collects marbles and builds tracks and games. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library in KCKS. You may bring a child (2nd grade and older) and also marbles for appraisal. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information.

Argentine Middle School in KCK invites you to volunteer with their WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program. WATCH D.O.G.S. father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school principal or administrators. If interested, please attend orientation on Thursday, January 24, 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Argentine Middle School's cafeteria. For questions, contact Tonja McCoy (913-627-6750 or Tonja.mccoy@kckps.org).

January 13, 2018

Attendance.....	128
Visitors (included in attendance count)	11
General Fund	\$ 4,835.00
Other Donations	\$ 90.00
Total Offering	\$ 4,925.00

This Week

Sunday	Jan 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:50am
Tuesday	Jan 21	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Jan 23	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan 24	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jan 26	Sr High Lockin	6:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 27	Youth Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser	10:30am
		Annual Business Meeting and Potluck	12:00pm
		Youth Sonic Chat	12:00pm
Tuesday	Jan 29	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Jan 30	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Rainbow Mennonite Church is the host congregation for Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have three volunteers living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary volunteers are joined by an associate MVS resident and longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)
Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)
Paul Zehr, Associate ~ Heirloom Bakery (paul.zehr74@gmail.com)