

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 10, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Kelsey Allison, Karla Leuenberg and Eva Parsons**. The closing trustee is **Brad Gritman**.

Remembering in Prayer...

A visitation for Norma Preheim, Terri Gaeddert's mother, will be held Friday, March 15, 5:00 to 7:30pm at the Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 16, 3:30pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

This Morning at Rainbow

- Worship 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:25am
- Children & Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am – Final Winter Session
 - *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

Announcements

During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons are taking turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. Leah Schwarz is on call through today. Mike Peters will be on call March 11 – 24.

Spring adult Sunday school classes begin next Sunday, March 17:

- *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors* by Yossi Klein Halevi. Led by Jana Graham
- *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Led by Kenn Goertz
- *All the Light We Cannot See* novel by Anthony Doerr. Led by Dale Graham
- *Historical Jesus* by Bart Ehrman, Ph.D., M.Div. Led by Clif Hostetler

You Can't Spell Stewardship Without A Why. The Deacons and Janelle Arnett Campbell, Rainbow Everence Advocate, invite you to a Lunch and Learn meeting on March 17th from 12-1pm. Pizza will be served. This presentation by Mitch Stutzman will explore the general themes of Stewardship as it relates to our financial lives. The time will be spent in discussion and study of what the scriptures tell us about our role as stewards. We will also have time for general introduction to Everence and the many products and services available. Mitch will also be in church and available during the fellowship/Sunday school time. To help determine how much food to order, please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org) if you plan to attend.

The Rainbow MVS Guest House invites you to Sunset Tea & Lenten Reflection. For seven Sundays through Easter, from 4:30pm until sunset-ish, we will brew tea, gather around the living room fireplace (or backyard bonfire - as weather permits) at 2303 S. Early Street, KCK and reflect on two of 14 Stations of the Cross readings by Mary Button. Button weaves this Catholic Lenten tradition with art, poetry, Scripture, and firsthand experiences of mental illness (including her own). The result is a colorful tapestry that inspires us to imagine how the threads of our individual lives might intertwine to create faith communities that are more connected, understanding, and reflective of the full Body of Christ - where each element is an essential part of the whole. For more info, contact Sarah Tomas Morgan or Kimberly Hunter.

Rainbow is Hiring! We are seeking applicants for the two positions listed below. Visit rainbowmennonite.org for full job descriptions and application information.

- **Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries** (.75 FTE) who will support the spiritual and pastoral mission of the church by guiding and leading the congregation in connecting younger congregants (birth-college) and their families to worship, serve, and learn opportunities at Rainbow and beyond.
- **Outreach Ministries Coordinator** (.25 FTE) who will guide and equip the congregation in maintaining connections between Rainbow Mennonite and the surrounding Rosedale neighborhood through community outreach opportunities.

Save the Date - Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Leah and Greg Schwartz on Sunday, May 5th - Cinco de Mayo! Details to come.

MennoCon19: Register online at <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/> for the Mennonite Church USA Convention this summer in Kansas City, July 2-9. **Register before March 20 take advantage of lower prices.** Please check the box requesting a copy of the latest Mennonite hymnal. If you aren't interested in keeping one for yourself, you could save the church \$20/hymnal by donating yours to Rainbow.

Sunday School Collection - Children's Sunday school classes are collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) over the next several weeks. Feel free to hold on to your coins until we collect in the worship service at the end of March, or deliver the coins to the buckets in the Sunday School classrooms. Children will be learning about what MCC does with the donated money. Start collecting those coins, folks!

Joel Campbell needs a backup volunteer to run the video camera on Sunday mornings while Phil Rhoads is out of town. If you are interested in volunteering and are available Sunday mornings April 21 – May 12, please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday or contact Phil.

Youth News and Events

Sunday March 24: Jr High Breakfast 8:30am and Sr High Lunch 11am-12:30pm

Sunday March 31: Youth Movie Night 5-8pm

Did you know Rainbow can help families who need assistance with fees for Camp Mennoscah or MCUSA Convention this summer? Please contact Deacon chair, Mike Peters if this would be helpful for your family.

Staff Updates

- Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office March 10-17.
- Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office March 11&12, returning the afternoon of March 13.
- Terry Rouse will be out of the office March 14 – 19.

Special Rainbow Events this April!

*See Rainbow's Facebook Page or Rainbow News email for links to tickets, registration or to RSVP.

Beating Guns Tour: Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin, co-authors of "Beating Guns: Hope for people who are weary of violence," are coming to Rainbow Mennonite Church as part of their national book tour on April 2, 6pm. Contact Ben Parker Sutter (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) to help with planning. Register for your free ticket online.*

Tracy Long Memorial Basketball Camp with Jackie Stiles, April 27: The first ever Tracy Long Memorial Basketball Camp hosted by former WNBA star Jackie Stiles at Whitmore Park will be April 27! Tracy was a fierce competitor who courageously battled ovarian cancer. Tracy and her daughters have been following Jackie Stiles since she was breaking records at Southwest Missouri State. The camp is FREE and will be held for 4th-8th grade girls. Registration is limited to the first 50 girls.* Following the camp, Jackie will speak on resiliency and hard work at Rainbow Mennonite Church at 4:30 p.m. The event is also free, but please RSVP.*

March 3, 2019

Attendance.....30

This Week

Sunday	Mar 10	First Sunday of Lent / Communion Sunday	
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 12	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 13	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Taize Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 14	Peace and Justice Meeting	6:30pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 17	Playground Meeting	11:50am
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 19	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 20	Taize Service	5:45pm
		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 two 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 longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services
 Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund