

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 24, 2019

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 **John Mueller and Jimmy Griffin**. Greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Dan Duncan**. 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 **Brenda and Dick Tatro, Abigail Gritman**. The closing trustee is **Steven Cress**.

Remembering in Prayer...

My deep thanks to the Rainbow congregation for the many ways you've shown support and care in my mom's progressive illness and recent death. As we celebrated her life in Newton last Saturday, we felt the love from Rainbow carried by several members of this congregation in attendance - including four, who as former students of Mom's, sang in an alumni ensemble. This is a gift we will long remember.

~ Terri (Preheim) Gaeddert and family

This Morning at Rainbow ~ Third Sunday in Lent

- Worship 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:25am
- Children & Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am See insert for spring class descriptions.

Announcements

During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons are taking turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. Mike Peters is on call through today. Sallie Page-Goertz is on call March 25-31.

Rainbow is Hiring and seeking applicants for two positions: **Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries** and **Outreach Ministries Coordinator**.

Visit rainbowmennonite.org for full job descriptions and application information.

Register online at <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/> for the **Mennonite Church USA Convention** this summer in Kansas City, July 2-9. 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.

To honor Janelle Schrag and continue her legacy, the **Janelle R. Schrag Accounting & Business Scholarship** has been established at Bethel College. Once a scholarship is fully funded (\$20,000), scholarship recipients receive approximately \$500 per semester. Janelle's scholarship recipients will be female accounting or business majors with a history of community service or volunteerism. To donate to the endowed scholarship, please send tax deductible donations to: Bethel College, Development Office, 300 E. 27th Street, N. Newton, KS 67117 with ***Janelle Schrag scholarship*** in the Memo line. Donations can be made online at www.BethelKS.edu or over the phone at 316-284-5250

On Saturday, March 30, Kimberly Hunter invites Rainbow Mennonites to celebrate her 32nd birthday with a Kaw River cleanup and potluck picnic at KCK's Kaw Riverfront Park. Cleanup begins at 4pm; potluck begins at 6pm. For further festive facts, contact Kimberly.

Whitmore Playground Work Day April 6, 8-noon. Come help rake leaves, spread wood chips and do general cleanup. Extra rakes, scoops and wheelbarrows are welcome

Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Leah and Greg Schwarz on Sunday, May 5th from 3-5pm at the home of David Bluford and Vicky Kaufman. Details to come.

Rainbow Calendar of Spring Events ~ See insert for the 2019 Lenten Calendar

The Rainbow MVS Guest House invites you to Sunset Tea & Lenten Reflection. Each Sunday through Easter, from 4:30 – 6:00pm, we will gather around the living room fireplace (or backyard bonfire) with tea 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 Kimberly or Sarah.

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 as part of their national book tour on April 2, 6pm. Contact Ben Parker Sutter to help with planning (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org). Register for your free ticket online.*

An Evening of Harp Music is coming to Rainbow on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00pm. **The Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Harp Ensemble**, a student group under the direction of Aimee DeSotel, will open the night's program, followed by a solo concert by Erin Wood, KU harp instructor. We encourage you to put this on your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. It will be a free concert, followed by a reception in the Wesley Room. The event is sponsored by the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee.

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 pm. The event is also free, but please RSVP.*

Youth News and Events

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

Sunday March 31: 5-8pm Movie Night with dinner and popcorn while simultaneously running "The Sound of Music" (with sing along subtitles) and "Goonies"

Sunday April 7: Variety Show Extravaganza. Youth arrive 5:30pm with dessert or snack.

Community Events

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, March 26 will focus on "Steps to Achieve a Successful Lawn and Garden with Wyandotte County Extension Master Gardeners. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS free of charge. Contact Karen Hostetler.

Canvassing for KCK Tenant Tuesdays DATE CHANGE: Saturday, March 30, 10am-2pm at Crosslines Community Kitchen, 646 S. 7th St Trafficway, KCK. Volunteer to support door-to-door outreach (aka canvassing) for KCK Tenant Tuesdays. There are two shifts, 10am-noon, and noon-2pm. Orientation will be provided at beginning of each shift, and a debrief at the end. (An initiative of the affordable housing task force of MORE2.) Contact Ben Parker Sutter, Outreach@RainbowMennonite.org

The Rosedale Development Association invites Rainbow Mennonites to register as an individual, family or church team for the annual all-Rosedale cleanup on Saturday morning, April 13. Connect with neighbors while serving your community. The team with the most participants wins a park party! Begin and end at Fisher Park (3800 Fisher Street, KCK 66103). 8am signup, map, instructions & supplies; Noon cookout and music. Contact Kimberly Hunter.

March 17, 2019

Attendance	122
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6
General Fund.....	\$ 3,095.01
Other Donations	\$ 254.26
Total Offering	\$ 3,149.27

This Week

Sunday	Mar 24	Third Sunday in Lent ~ Choral Presentation	
		Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Monday	Mar 25	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Mar 26	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 27	Women's Luncheon	11:00pm
		Taize Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 28	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 31	Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
		Youth Movie Night	5:00pm
Tuesday	Apr 2	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Apr 3	Taize Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Apr 4	Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm

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

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 (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)
Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)