

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 7, 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 **Darin and Kennedy Kaufman**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Amy Ortman and Kate Brubacher**. The closing trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Ana Casas is currently hospitalized at KU Medical Center. Ana suggests that, at this point in her hospital stay, support be offered in the form of prayers, cards, or phone calls from our congregation in lieu of visits.

Tanya Ortman is recovering from knee surgery and will be on crutches for at least six weeks. If you would like to take the Ortman-Stoltzfus family a meal during this time, please see the sign up link in the midweek email.

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.

College Care Package boxes are in the Fellowship Hall to donate your non perishable of snacks and treats for our 7 current college students. Please note dietary preferences listed on each individual box. Thank you for supporting our "starving" college youth.

Join us this evening at 6pm for the 5th annual **Variety Show Extravaganza!** This evening of fun acts, amazing skills and fabulous talents will be hosted by Rainbow's youth and you won't want to miss it! The youth will also be providing delicious desserts to enjoy throughout the evening.

Announcements

An Evening of Harp Music is coming to Rainbow this 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. It will be a free concert, followed by a reception in the Wesley Room. ~ Sponsored by the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee.

Join us for lunch with your mentor / youth noon-1pm next Sunday, April 14! This is an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Ashton Wells so she can have enough pizza!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20 at 10:30am The outreach committee we will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for children in the neighborhood and congregation. If you would like to volunteer to help, there is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Once again we will be giving away books at the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring used children's books to church and leave them in Fellowship Hall in the marked box. The more the better! Thank you for your generosity.

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.*

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.

Register 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.

The Rainbow MVS Guest House invites you to Sunset Tea & Lenten Reflection. Each Sunday through Easter, 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). Contact Sarah Morgan Tomas for information.

Staff Updates

Carrie Parsons will be out of the office April 10 – 12. Thanks to Linda Hiebert for filling in as office help during this time!

Youth News and Events

Tonight! Variety Show Extravaganza. Youth arrive at 5:30 pm to help set up. We ask that each youth bring a snack or dessert and to help clean up after the event.

Saturday, April 13 8am-1pm Youth Service Day. Rosedale Development Association Neighborhood Cleanup. Sign in at Fisher Park (3800 Fisher) then end with a cook out celebration starting at noon in the same park. Gloves, water, and trash bags provided.

Member News and Events

On Thursday, April 11, Rosi Penner Kaufman and Mitch Kaufman will present a noon-time organ and trombone recital at Village Presbyterian Church. Village installed a new organ last year, and offers a free recital once a month. The recital starts at 12:15 and will last less than half an hour.

Medical Arts Symphony, April 27 at 8:00pm Mary Redmond will be performing in this symphony and invites all to attend at Battenfeld Auditorium at KU Medical Center. Admission is free. [Click here for more information.](#)

Community Events

The Kansas Poor People's Campaign seeks assistance for one of their KCK-based leaders, Terri Laytham, whose home recently burned down. Terri and her husband Doug are temporarily staying in a friend's basement while reaching out to area agencies for support. First Central Church of the Brethren is willing to furnish a new residence, but they need assistance with transportation, making a deposit, finding quality housing for \$650/month, clearing their burned property to avoid fines, and purchasing food and other supplies. To assist, contact Kimberly at 559-289-2716.

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 at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org.

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

March 31, 2019

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| Attendance..... | 156 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 5 |
| General Fund | \$ 12,031.71 |
| Other Donations | \$ 349.00 |
| Total Offering for March 31, 2019 | \$ 12,380.71 |
| Online Giving for March 2019 | \$ 2,831.76 |

This Week

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| Sunday | Apr 7 | Fifth Sunday in Lent | |
| | | Faith Formation Board Meeting | 12:00pm |
| | | Variety Show Extravaganza | 6:00pm |
| Monday | Apr 8 | Deacons' Meeting | 5:30pm |
| Tuesday | Apr 9 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | Apr 10 | Women's Luncheon | 11:00am |
| | | Welcoming Committee Meeting | 5:30pm |
| | | Taize Service | 5:45pm |
| | | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |
| Thursday | Apr 11 | RPAC Event: KCKPS Harp Ensemble | 7:00pm |
| | | Trustees Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Saturday | April 13 | Youth Service Day | 8:00am |

Next Week

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| Sunday | April 14 | Palm Sunday | |
| | | Mentor / Mentee Lunch | 12:00pm |
| | | Peace and Justice Meeting | 12:00pm |
| Tuesday | April 16 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | April 17 | Rainbow Quilters | 9:00am |
| | | Taize | 5:45pm |
| | | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |
| Friday | April 19 | Youth Lockin | 6:00pm |
| Saturday | April 20 | Easter Egg Hunt | 10:30am |

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

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