

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 14, 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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Greeters are **Phyllis Carlson and George Melby**. 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 **Dick and Brenda Tatro, Abigail Grittman**. The closing trustee is **Steven Cress**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Shawn Ashby, son-in-law to Bob and Phyllis Carlson. Shawn suffered a major stroke last week Thursday. Shawn and his wife Chris are from Independence.
- Ana Casas faces leukemia diagnosis/treatment. Please offer prayers, cards, emails, and phone calls in lieu of visits. Find her Caring Bridge site in the midweek email.
- Tanya Ortman as she recovers from knee surgery. If you want to take the Ortman-Stoltzfus family a meal during this time, please see the link in the midweek email.
- From Bill and Charity Gourley: We invite you to join our family to honor the life of beauty and integrity that our daughter, Anastacia "Stacy" Gourley lived while with us on Earth. Please gather with us on Saturday, May 4th, 2019, 11:00am at Rainbow. A light lunch will follow the memorial.

This Morning at Rainbow ~ Palm Sunday

- 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.

The adult Sunday School class, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors* led by Jana Graham and David Bluford, will be a showing the movie "Disturbing the Peace" today in the Wesley Room at noon (after our class in the library). It is about Combatants For Peace, a group of former Israeli and Palestinian soldiers who have come together in opposition to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. All are welcome to join.

TODAY we are collecting donations of non-perishable snacks and treats for our college students to create **College Care Packages**. We currently have 7 youth attending colleges, three of whom are vegetarian. The Care Package boxes are on a table in Fellowship Hall. Their dietary preferences are noted on the individual boxes.

Announcements

Coin Totals - Thank you SO much to everyone who donated coins (69 pounds worth!) to Mennonite Central Committee. Eric Jantzen graciously agreed to deliver the money (\$725.73) to the MCC sale this weekend. Our coins count!

We laughed, we cried, we made a mess! To the performers, volunteers, and staff that made the recent **Variety Show** possible, THANK YOU. Special thanks to Amanda and Tara Lindahl for hosting, Claire and Todd Zehner for their time and energy spent on the setup, parents and families of youth for providing refreshments and helping with setup/cleanup, the warm and energetic audience, the many generous donors, and the incomparable Rainbow Mennonite staff for their hard work behind the scenes to make the show happen. Nearly \$1300 was raised to support our youth attendance at the MC USA Conference. Thank you 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). Questions? Contact Sarah at sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20 at 10:30am The Outreach Committee will host an Easter egg hunt for children in the neighborhood and congregation. We are still in need of volunteers, so please sign up TODAY in the Fellowship Hall. We will be giving away books that day, so please bring used children's books to church and leave them in Fellowship Hall in the marked box.

Register for the April 27 Basketball Camp/Talk with Jackie Stiles! We're excited to announce the first ever Tracy Long Memorial Basketball Camp hosted by former WNBA star Jackie Stiles on April 27 at Whitmore Playground!

- The camp is FREE (from 3-4 pm) and will be held for 4th-8th grade girls. Registration is limited to the first 50 girls. Register online. *
- Following the camp at 4:30 pm, Jackie will speak on resiliency and hard work in the sanctuary. The talk is also free, but please RSVP online.*

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

Save the date! Our next congregational meeting is after a noon potluck meal on **Sunday, April 28**. Please note that we will be voting on a proposed constitutional amendment. An email was sent to the congregation on Friday regarding these proposed changes. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and on Amazon.com.

A Safety Team has been appointed by the Deacons. The current team includes Dale Graham, Steven Cress, Carrie Parsons, Barbara Baumgartner, Dick Tatro and Darin Kaufman. This work is being done to fulfill one of our congregational goals:

- **Goal:** *To foster a caring and supportive church community whereby we minister to one another in ways that help all feel welcomed, a sense of belonging, cared for and safe.*
- **Action Step:** *Building on work directed by the Deacons in 2016, council will identify a Safety Team who will perform a safety audit and make recommendations to address safety concerns. A guest consultant may speak on welcome and safety in the church. Responsible Committee: Deacons and Council*

Youth News and Events

Junior High Lock In Friday April 19 6pm until Saturday at 11 am

We will be prepping for the Easter Egg Hunt Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Member News and Events

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 Hunter.

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum, "Lest the Ages Forget: The National WWI Museum and Memorial," will be 6-7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 23 at the West Wyandotte Library. Mike Vietti, from World War I Museum and Memorial, will present on the history of Liberty Memorial and Museum and share upcoming events related to Memorial Day. In addition, Lynn Wild will talk briefly about his volunteer work at the Museum assisting families researching their Great War ancestors. You may contact Karen Hostetler for more information.

April 7, 2019

Attendance.....	164
Visitors (included in attendance count)	8
General Fund	\$ 8,384.40
Other Donations	\$ 1,432.77
Total Offering for March 31, 2019	\$ 9,817.17

This Week

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
		Good Friday Service at Peace Mennonite	7:00pm
Saturday	April 20	Easter Egg Hunt	10:30am

Next Week

Sunday	April 21	Easter Sunday	
Monday	April 22	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	April 23	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	April 24	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	April 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	April 27	Tracy Long Memorial Basketball Camp	3:00pm
		Jackie Stiles on Resiliency and Hard Work	4:30pm