

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 21, 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 **David Bluford, Eric and Alex Jantzen**. Greeters are **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. 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 **Kendric Beachey, Heidi Braun and Joel Bollinger**. The closing trustee is **Brad Gritman**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Shawn Ashby, Bob and Phyllis Carlson's son-in-law, is now at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. Chris Ashby, our daughter has started a Caring Bridge for him, which gives details of his treatment and Shawn's humorous comments! See this coming week's midweek email for the link.
- Jimmy Griffin requests prayers as he recovers from a recent hospitalization.
- 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.
- 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.

This is the final morning that College Care Packages are available for snack and treat donations in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements

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

The Rainbow MVS Guest House invites you to a final Sunset Tea & Lenten Reflection this afternoon, 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).

CHANGE OF PLANS! Due to circumstances out of our control, the Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp and Talk has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 11. Please help us spread the word!

- The camp is FREE (from 3-4 pm) and will be held for 4th-8th grade girls in Whitmore Playground. Registration is limited to the first 50 girls.
- Following the camp at 4:30 pm, Jackie will speak on resiliency and hard work in the sanctuary.

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

Our next congregational meeting is after a noon potluck meal next **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.

All are invited to the Wednesday, May 15 (International Conscientious Objection Day) Ecumenical Prayer for Peace gathering at The World War 1 Museum and Memorial from 6:00 – 7:00pm. This gathering is supported by various organizations, such as Rainbow Mennonite Church, Church of the Brethren, Community of Christ, etc. A special focus of this gathering will be to dedicate engraved stones remembering those who, in the spirit of Isaiah 2:4 and Luke 19:42, were Conscientious Objectors of WW1. These stones, which the Rainbow Peace and Social Justice Committee helped purchase, will be placed among the many other commemorative stones at the Museum and Memorial entrance. More information is forthcoming.

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 (5028 Sunset Dr, KCMO). They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and on Amazon.com.

Youth News and Events

Sonic Chat for Junior and Senior High Youth Sunday April 21 noon to 1pm

Weather permitting we will be heading to the Sonic on Southwest Blvd. immediately after the pot luck.

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed Monday, April 22.

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office April 25 and 26.

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.](#)

East Hill Singers Spring Concerts ~ *When We've Been There*

Sunday, April 28th hosted by Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr. and on Sunday, and May 5, hosted by Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Ave. *When We've Been There* features American folk pieces - the music of the heart of the country. Concerts start at 4:00 pm and the art exhibit opens at 3:00pm.

Community Events

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.

Tuesday at 12:00pm, the KCK Quindaro neighborhood invites you to celebrate their long-sought designation as a National Commemorative Site! Dedication will be held in the Quindaro Ruins Overlook at 3507 N. 27th St., KCK. Once the home of Native Americans who welcomed refugee slaves fleeing the South and later a township founded by Freedmen, Quindaro still shines as an example of what hard work, harmony, and hospitality can manifest. Contact Kimberly Hunter for more information.

April 14, 2019

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Attendance..... | 138 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 2 |
| General Fund | \$ 5,256.00 |
| Other Donations | \$ 132.00 |
| Total Offering for March 31, 2019 | \$ 5,388.00 |

This Week

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|------------------------|---------|
| Sunday | April 21 | Easter Sunday | |
| Monday | April 22 | Church Office Closed | |
| | | 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 |

Next Week

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday | April 28 | Congregational Potluck and Meeting | 12:00pm |
| Tuesday | April 30 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| | | Ian Classe Organ Recital | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | May 1 | Rainbow Quilters | 9:00am |
| Saturday | May 4 | Stacy Gourley Memorial Service | 11:00am |

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.

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

Sarah Tomas Morgan, MVS Associate ~ Jewish Vocational Services
(sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)