

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 12, 2020

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 are **Jonathan Bollinger, Brad and Abigail Gritman**. Greeters are **Brenda Foster and Dan Duncan**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, use of a large-print hymnal, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery, available for children from birth to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Allison Unruh, Karen Uhlenhuth and Thuy Uhlenhuth**. Closing Trustee is **David Becker**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Congratulations to Steven and Kayla Cress on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Marie Cress, born on January 3. Everyone is doing well!
- Wendell Selzer is at home recuperating after being in KU for a week. His pacemaker leads were replaced and repositioned. He was treated for pericarditis and rhythm disturbance. He is slowly getting stronger. He and Judy want to thank you for your love and prayers

This Morning at Rainbow

This morning begins a new worship series called "Walking on the holy way, trod by the sages long ago." (Words from Hymnal #316.) Sermons between now and Lent (March 1) will focus on biblical character studies ~ those sages along the holy way. Is there a particular biblical character/sage along the holy way that you want to learn more about, and if so, why? Please notify Ruth or Rosi if you have reflections on that question.

Worship 9:30am

WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:30 – 10:55am (Rainbow Room)

Sunday School for all ages 10:50 – 11:45am (Adult class options listed below)

Why Religion?: A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels ~ Facilitator: Kenn Goertz

The Wisdom of the Desert by Thomas Merton ~ Facilitators: Jude & Sharon McCulley

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery at Rainbow ~ Facilitator: Ben Parker Sutter

Next Doors Strangers ~ Facilitators: Bob Campbell & Philip Rhoads

Announcements

Special thanks to Mike Horner of Mesner Puppets of KC for loaning us today's biblical lineage banners, which will be shared during the conversation with children. These were originally made for his company's "The Nativity" production. They feature the biblical-based lineages of Mary (Luke 3:23-38) and Joseph (Matthew 1: 1-16).

2019 contribution statements will be placed in church mailboxes by Sunday, January 19. If you have any special requirements for your statement or need it mailed, please contact Mark Unruh.

Save the date! Our annual business meeting will be January 26, 2020 following a noon soup fundraiser put on by Rainbow's youth.

Mennonite Voluntary Service Update

- At their December 2019 meeting, Church Council voted to approve the recommendation of the MVS Support Board that Rainbow Mennonite Church discontinue our current partnership with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) and the national Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) program. This action was approved with incredibly gratitude for 43 years of support provided by the MMN, the national MVS program, the Sharing Community of Rosedale, the congregation of Rainbow Mennonite Church, the employing organizations of MVSers and all 108 volunteers who have served with MVS in Kansas City. We pray that God would breathe something new into the space in our hearts and in our community created by this decision to end the current relationship.
- The MVS Support Board is in the process of planning a Mennonite Voluntary Service decommissioning event in the next couple of months. A public brainstorming session about what to do next with the Early Street house will be hosted in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Sunday, February 2. More information about both of these events will be coming soon. If you have questions or would like to help with either of these events, please email Ben Parker Sutter, outreach@rainbowmennonite.org.

Youth News

Today! Jr. High Winter Retreat, 12-7:30 pm

Saturday, Jan. 18-19th, Senior High Winter Retreat, 12:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 19th, Junior High Breakfast, 8:30 am

Sunday, Jan. 26th, Soup Fundraiser, 8:30 am

Staff Updates

Rosi Penner Kaufman has been at the Laurelville Retreat Center near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania this weekend while attending the Mennonite Worship and Music Leaders' Retreat. The focus of this gathering is the new *Voices Together* hymnal.

Community Events



Rosedale Development Association needs volunteers to read stories about the Civil Rights Movement and social justice issues to elementary and middle school students. This year's theme is "Lift Every Voice." All volunteers are required to attend a training, held here at Rainbow, on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00pm. RISE week will

be the week of January 21-24 at participating Rosedale schools. To learn more and get involved, contact Je T'aime Taylor at 913-677-5097 or jetaime@rosedale.org.

Sarah Neher is providing a "pay what you can" yoga class to the Rosedale community on Thursdays at 7:00pm. Classes are held in the Rosedale Development Association Community Room (the space east of their offices). The Outreach Committee has donated a couple of yoga mats and other props. You are asked to bring a mat if you have one and a full-sized towel or sturdy blanket. The intention is for this to be an opportunity for Rainbow to further connect with the neighborhood as we nourish our bodies and souls! Contact Sarah if you have additional questions.

On Tuesday, January 28, Marci Penner will present "Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas -- An Author Talk" at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd St, KCKS from 6 to 7:30 pm. Marci and co-author Wendee Rowe traveled to over 626 incorporated cities in Kansas to research for *The Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers*. This is the first Next Chapter KC forum for 2020. More information will be in the Rainbow News mid-week email or you may contact Karen Hostetler.

January 5, 2019

Attendance.....	158
Visitors (included in attendance count)	15
General Fund	\$ 154.00
Other Donations	\$ 3,452.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,606.00

This Week

Sunday	Jan 12	Sound Technology Meeting	11:00am
		Jr High Winter Retreat	12:00pm
Tuesday	Jan 14	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		RDA Rise Training	6:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 15	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Jan 18	Sr High Winter Retreat	12:00pm
		KC Civic Orchestra Young Artist	
		Concerto Auditions	10:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 19	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Tuesday	Jan 21	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 22	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan 23	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm