

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 19, 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 **David Bluford, Eric and Alex Jantzen**. Greeters are **George Melby and Jake Beachey**. 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 **Amy Ortman, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee is **Scott Weast**.

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!

This Morning at Rainbow

Our worship series is 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

2019 contribution statements are in church mailboxes this morning. If you have any special requirements for your statement or need it mailed, please contact Mark Unruh.

Our annual business meeting will be next Sunday, January 26, 2020 following a noon soup fundraiser put on by Rainbow's youth.

Rainbow Young Adult Event: Let's warm up with hot drinks and hymns!

- We'll gather around 7:00pm on Saturday, January 25 and sing for an hour or so. The event will be held at the Carrie Parsons' house (2230 Brooklyn Ave, KCMO). Bring a snack to share and plan to stick around after we sing to hang out!
- Interested in hosting the young adults for an event this year? Have a cool place you'd like to share with the group? Want to sponsor an event so the group can do something fun? Email Christina Hofer with your ideas. It's a great way to connect with the young adults in the congregation!

Mennonite Voluntary Service: 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 last action of the MVS Support Board will be to plan a Mennonite Voluntary Service decommissioning event in the next couple of months. More information about this event will come soon. If you would like to join the MVS Support Board in planning this event, please email Ben Parker Sutter.

Early Street House: With the decision to end our partnership with the national MVS program, the Church Council is considering options for how to use the house at 2303 Early Street. Ben Parker Sutter will facilitate a public brainstorming session at noon on Sunday, February 2 in the Fellowship Hall about what to do next with the Early Street house. If you have ideas about how Rainbow can use the house to further our mission, please let Ben know. At the brainstorming session, Ben will provide some preliminary ideas as well as make space to hear new suggestions from the congregation. If you have questions about this meeting or the process, please email Ben Parker Sutter.

Mennonite Disaster Service work continues in Avant, OK repairing homes that were flooded in the spring of 2019. Jay Blough, Oklahoma MDS Unit Co-chair and Bill Mast, the Avant, OK project director, plan on continuing this response thru Spring 2020. The Oklahoma Unit has an opportunity for 4-5 volunteers per week for an estimated 12 - 15 weeks beginning immediately. The work will be repairing flood damaged homes and finishing a new home. The materials for the new home are sitting on the ground waiting on volunteers. This response can also use daily volunteers. There are accommodations to house volunteers or hookup for campers. Please call Jay Blough or Bill Mast for more information.

Youth News

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

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day tomorrow, Monday, January 20.

Ruth Harder is out of the office, returning Tuesday, January 21. Please contact the deacon on call, David Stewart (918-766-1291), if you are in need of pastoral care.

Community Events

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 12, 2019

Attendance.....	136
Visitors (included in attendance count)	15
General Fund	\$ 11,602.00
Other Donations	\$ 94.50
Total Offering	\$ 11,696.50

This 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
Saturday	Jan 25	Rainbow Young Adult Night	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 26	Youth Soup Fundraiser Lunch	12:00pm
		Annual Business Meeting	12:45pm
Tuesday	Jan 28	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 29	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Feb 1	Faith Formation Board Retreat	9:00am