

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

February 23, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Greeters are **Brenda Foster and George Melby**. 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 up to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are Kate Burbacher, **Allison and Fischer Unruh, Kendrick Beachey**. Closing Trustee is **Steven Cress**.

This Morning at Rainbow...

- **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 on back)

Announcements

The Rainbow Summer Program is looking for up to 13 Classroom Facilitators for this summer's program. These are 40 hour/week, paid positions. Please spread the word to anyone who would be interested. See the midweek email for a link to more information.

An **Ash Wednesday service** will be held on February 26 at 5:45 in the sanctuary. It will be a contemplative service of readings, singing, and imposition of ashes for those who choose to receive them. Afterward, all are welcome to stay for a light supper with the choir. See today's insert for more information about Lent.

Rainbow Young Adults: Join us February 28 for Friday Night Bowling at KC Bowl. We'll meet at 8:00pm. For more info, check the Rainbow Young Adult Facebook Page or email Christina Hofer.

Variety Show Extravaganza: The youth are looking for acts, be it a talent, song, skit, or poem for the Variety Show Extravaganza. This year's theme is Camp! The youth group will be hosting on Sunday, March 1st from 6-8 pm. Desserts will be provided for all to enjoy. Please email Sarah Neher at youth@rainbowmennonite.org if you are interested in participating in the Variety Show (open for all to participate).

New Date! The Playground Committee will host a potluck on Sunday, March 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for those that participate or are interested in participating in the Adopt-a-section program or general Playground involvement. We want to celebrate your contribution and are also interested in your feedback. Please bring a dish and table service. We will provide drinks.

Kid's Night Out: Calling all K-5th graders, this night is just for you! Friday, March 13th, from 5-8 pm will be a night filled with games, fun, and friends. You are asked to pack your dinner. (Parents, enjoy a few hours to yourself!)

Sunday, March 15 Representatives from Everence, a faith-based financial services organization, will be at Rainbow. Everence works with individuals to integrate faith and values in financial matters. They offer a variety of products including financial planning services, some insurance products, asset management, debt management, etc. The representatives will be available for conversation and questions during fellowship time. In addition, the Deacons are hosting a lunch gathering for those interested in learning more about Everence. Please RSVP to the church office for the lunch by March 12th. Contact Janelle Arnett Campbell for additional information.

The Bethel College Concert Choir will be sharing in our worship service on March 22 during their Spring Choir Tour. We will provide host homes for 50 members of the choir on Saturday night, March 21. Bethel College, N. Newton, KS, was the first Mennonite College established in North America and has a rich tradition of music. Please let the church office know if you can host.

Save the date for Rosi Penner Kaufman's ordination service at Rainbow on Sunday, March 29 at 4pm! Special guests will include Heidi Regier Kreider from Western District Conference and Michael Bauer, KU professor of organ and church music.

This isn't an end or a beginning, but a marking of a point on the journey for both me and the congregation. I'm grateful to have had the support and prodding to explore what this musical/theological/community calling means. I'm grateful to share this celebration with all of you. ~ Rosi Penner Kaufman

Save the Date! Kansas City Mennonite Voluntary Service Celebration will be May 9 & 10. More information to come.

Youth News

This morning! Senior High Lunch and Chat

Sunday, March 1st, Extravaganza, 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, March 15st, Jr. High Breakfast, 8:30-9:20 am

Sunday, March 15st, Sr. High Lunch, 10:50-12:30 pm

Staff Updates

Carrie Parsons will be out of the office on Friday, February 28. Thank you to Laura Schmidt and Linda Hiebert for volunteering in the church office.

Community Events

This afternoon at 2:00pm at St Peter's Church at 701 E. Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO there will be a special concert featuring 4 of our youth! Abigail Grittman, Liberty Brigman, Madeline Bollinger and Joel Bollinger will be singing in 2 of 6 Kansas high school choirs. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Join us on Tuesday, February 25 for the **Next Chapter KC** forum as we welcome Mike Peters to present on the topic of "Embracing Change in Your Life." The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information.

Workshop and Assembly with John Dear

- **Living the Nonviolent Life, With John Dear: A Day-long Workshop Exploring Active Nonviolence:** Saturday, March 7, 2020 8:30am – 4:00pm at Avila University. See Ken Parsons for more information and the midweek email for registration
- **The Nonviolent Path as Illuminated by Jesus, an assembly of worship and dialogue:** Sunday, March 8, 2020 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Community of Christ Temple Sanctuary. See link in midweek email for details.

February 16, 2020

Attendance.....	137
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 9,862.00
Other Donations	\$ 174.00
Total Offering	\$ 10,036.00

This Week

Sunday	Feb 23	Sr High Lunch Chat	10:50am
Tuesday	Feb 25	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday	Feb 26	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		Ash Wednesday Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Feb 27	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Feb 28	Young Adult Bowling	8:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 1	Rainbow Extravaganza	6:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 3	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 4	Prayer Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir	

Adult Education Class Options

Why Religion?: A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels

Facilitator: Kenn Goertz Library

The Wisdom of the Desert by Thomas Merton

Facilitators: Jude & Sharon McCulley Sunflower Room

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery at Rainbow

Facilitator: Ben Parker Sutter Wesley Room

Next Doors Strangers (Podcast)

Facilitators: Bob Campbell & Philip Rhoads Room 111