

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

March 1, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Mitch Kaufman**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Jake and Kelsy Allison, Asher Stoltzfus**. Closing Trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

This Morning at Rainbow...

➤ **Worship** 9:30am

Today is known as the feast day of Saint David, the patron saint of Wales. The final hymn this morning is a special request from Dan Duncan in that regard.

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

➤ **Sunday School for all ages** 10:50 – 11:45am (Adult class options listed in bulletin)

Jordan Penner from Mennonite Central Committee Central States is with us this morning. Jordan attended Rainbow in 2009-2010 while he was with Mennonite Voluntary Service. Jordan currently works in MCC Donor Relations and previously served with MCC in Guatemala and Bolivia. He'd love to talk with you after church about anything MCC related, so don't be shy and say hello!

Mennonite Disaster Service – there will be a meeting downstairs after church for anyone interested in a May trip to Rockport TX. We need to make a decision right away on the week we plan to go. If unable to attend, please contact Mark Unruh or Todd Zehner.

Variety Show Extravaganza Youth Fundraiser: The youth group will be hosting to raise money for their service trips from 6-8pm tonight!! Come enjoy the acts, be it a talent, song, skit, or poem, for the Variety Show Extravaganza. This year's theme is Camp! Desserts will be provided for all to enjoy.

Announcements

Children and Youth Sunday School offering money will be designated to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) this semester. MCC is a global, nonprofit organization that strives to share God's love and compassion for all through relief, development, and peace. Visit MCC.org for additional information. There will be a congregational collection of coins during worship on March 8th and 15th.

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.

The Playground Committee will host a potluck next 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. Come any time between 5:00 and 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sarah at youth@rainbowmennonite.org. (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

MVS Celebration: We want to celebrate the 40+ year history of the Kansas City Mennonite Voluntary Unit by throwing a party May 9-10, 2020. For more information visit bit.ly/KCMVS.

Youth News

Tonight! Variety Show Extravaganza Youth Fundraiser, 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

The Rainbow Sr. High has been accepted to attend the MDS Summer Youth Program in Marianna, FL. The group will be helping in the recovery from Hurricane Michael. We will tentatively be leaving early July 11th and return Sunday the 19th. Sarah needs a commitment from youth and families by March 15th with a non-refundable deposit of \$50.

Staff Updates

On February 27, Church Council received notice of Ben Parker Sutter's resignation effective April 28, 2020. Let's join in thanking him for his work with us as Rainbow's Outreach Ministries Coordinator, as well as praying for he and his wife Grace as they prepare to welcome a baby into their family. From Ben: "I am so incredibly grateful to be a part of this community and to serve on the staff of RMC. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the Rainbow family as a congregant as we support the work of God's reconciling mission happening in Kansas City."

- Ruth will be attending a FaithTrust Institute training in Chicago March 3-4. She will return to the office on Thursday, March 4.
- Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office March 1-6 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.
- Sarah Neher will be out of the office March 5-8

Community Events

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 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 23, 2020

Attendance.....	156
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6
General Fund	\$ 5,626.00
Other Donations	\$ 165.50
Total Offering	\$ 5,791.50

This Week

Sunday	Mar 1	MDS Meeting in Fellowship Hall	10:50am
		Extravaganza Youth Fundraiser	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	

Next Week

Sunday	Mar 8	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
		Sanctuary Technology Committee Meeting	11:00am
		Playground Potluck	12:00pm
Monday	Mar 9	Deacons' Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 10	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 11	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		Prayer Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 12	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
		Peace and Social Justice Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Mar 13	Kids Night Out	5:00pm