

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## March 8, 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, Karen and Lia Uhlenhuth**. Greeters are **Leah Schwarz 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 up to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Barbara Baumgartner, Karla Leuenberg and Eva Parsons**. Closing Trustee is **Todd Zehner**.

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### **This Morning at Rainbow...**

- **Worship** 9:30am
- **WorshipArts (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)** 10:30 – 10:55am (Rainbow Room)
- **Sunday School for all ages** 10:50 – 11:45am (Adult classes listed in bulletin)

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](http://MCC.org) for additional information. There will be a congregational collection of coins during worship this morning and on March 15.

The Playground Committee will host a potluck today 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

### **Announcements**

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Thank you! To everyone who participated, attended, and helped with the Extravaganza on Sunday night. Over \$1,300 was raised for the youth trip fund which will support the Sr. High on their service trip this summer!

**Kid's Night Out, This Friday!** Calling all K-5th graders, this night is just for you! Friday, March 13th, 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](mailto:youth@rainbowmennonite.org). (Parents, enjoy a few hours to yourself!)

Next 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.

### **Hosting / Lodging Opportunities:**

- The Bethel College Choir will be sharing in our worship service on March 22 during their Spring Concert Tour. We still need host homes for 25 members of the choir. The hosts will pick students up at the church on Saturday evening (March 21), provide a bed and breakfast, and bring students to church by 8:45 on Sunday morning. Please contact Carol Buller or the church office if you can host. There is also a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We are also sharing a potluck with the choir for lunch on the 22nd, so please come prepared for 50 extra college students!
- Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a family to open their home to a volunteer who is now living and working in Kansas City. She is a vibrant and friendly, 29 year old young woman from Nicaragua. She has been in Kansas City for 7 months and has adjusted well to the bus system and the language. Due to unforeseen circumstances she is in urgent need of a host for the remainder of her service term which ends at the beginning of July 2020. Interested families, please contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Program Coordinator, at [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org). Financial assistance will be provided to host families.

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*

The Rainbow Summer Program is looking for 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 information.

**Mennonite Disaster Service Trip** - a group of men and women from Rainbow is planning to go to the MDS site in Rockport, TX the week of May 3-9. There is still room for additional volunteers. If interested, contact Mark Unruh or Todd Zehner.

**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](http://bit.ly/KCMVS).

## Youth News

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

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

**Sunday, April 5,** Youth Group 12:00-2:30 pm

**Friday, April 10,** Jr. High Egg Stuffing Party 6-8 pm

**Saturday, April 11,** Help with the Easter Egg Hunt

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 15 with a non-refundable deposit of \$50.

## Staff Updates

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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."

## Community Events

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**The Nonviolent Path as Illuminated by Jesus, an assembly of worship and dialogue:** This afternoon, 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Community of Christ Temple Sanctuary. See link in midweek email for details.

**THE RUGS ARE COMING** to Ten Thousand Villages Overland Park **March 11 at 10am -March 16 at 6pm.** These natural dyed rugs are hand knotted by Pakistani women in remote villages. Your purchase makes a difference. Claire Zehner will also be selling \$10 Rug Raffle tickets for a chance to win \$2,500 toward a rug of your choice in the fellowship hall. Drawing held June 27, 2020 at the Global Festival. You do not need to be present to win.

**March 1, 2020**

Attendance.....	175
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	12
General Fund .....	\$ 7,520.30
Other Donations .....	\$ 142.30
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,662.60</b>

**This Week**

Sunday	Mar 8	Playground Potluck	12:00pm
Monday	Mar 9	Deacons' Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 10	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 11	Women's Luncheon (7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	11:00am
		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

**Next Week**

Sunday	Mar 15	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch	10:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
Tuesday	Mar 17	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 11	Prayer Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm