

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## March 15, 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 up to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Tina Histan and Karla Leuenberg**. Closing Trustee is **David Becker**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Former Interim Pastor, Ron Holland, is recovering from open heart surgery this week. Please pray for his ongoing recovery and strength.

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### This Morning at Rainbow

- **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 on back)**

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.

### Coronavirus concerns (and any runny nose/influenza concerns for that matter!)

- Hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance, in bathrooms, and in Sunday School spaces.
- Today is a good day to practice greetings that don't involve handshakes or hugs!
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then toss the tissue and sing a favorite hymn to yourself while washing your hands for a full 20 or more seconds!
- If you've have been sick with fever and cough, please read Ruth's sermon on-line!

## Announcements

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Wednesday evening prayer gatherings will take place in the Wesley Room at 5:45pm on March 18, 25, and April 1. All are welcome to stay for a light meal and fellowship with the choir those evenings.

For the past four months, a task force (Mike Peters, Nancy Gritman, Janelle Arnett Campbell, Leah Schwarz, Ruth Harder, and Sarah Neher) has been reviewing our church's Abuse Prevention Policy. Two outside groups (Dove's Nest and FaithTrust Institute) have also reviewed our policies. The task force is organizing a congregational focus group with individuals interested in reviewing and discussing potential revisions of the proposed policy during one or two gatherings in the coming weeks. If you are interested in participating in this focus group, please email Ruth or Sarah.

**The Bethel College Choir** will be sharing in our worship service on March 22 during their Spring Concert Tour.

- In order to offer as much time in worship as possible for the Bethel College choir, we will try to minimize our time for sharing and announcements on March 22. If you have items you would like the community to know about, please submit them for printing in the newsnotes by 10:00 am Friday, March 20.
- **We are also sharing a potluck with the choir for lunch on the 22nd, so please come prepared for 50 extra college students!**
- From Ben Lichti, Bethel College Coordinator of Alumni and Church Relations: We invite you to join the choir for an informal mini-concert and gathering at Kansas City's Union Station Grand Plaza at 2:00pm next Sunday.

Calling all singers! A choir is being formed for Rosi's ordination service on March 29 and you are welcome to join! Duane Graber, who will direct this special ordination anthem, invites any and all to a rehearsal on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:45-7:45pm. Please also feel free to join in the potato bar supper at 6:15pm.

Save the date: the Worship Committee will host a workshop for current and potential worship leaders on Sunday, April 19 from 12:15-2:15. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in leading in worship is invited to attend.

Save the date for our next congregational meeting April 26.

**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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**TODAY**, 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 today with a non-refundable deposit of \$50.**

## Staff Updates

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Carrie Parsons will be out of the office on March 18-20. Thank you to Kay Schmidt for filling in from 9am – 12pm on Thursday and Friday.

## Community Events

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Rugs at 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 8, 2020

Attendance.....	117
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	6
General Fund .....	\$ 6,468.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 2,050.50
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,518.50</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Mar 15	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

### Next Week

Sunday	Mar 22	Rainbow Potluck with Bethel Choir	12:00pm
		Youth Sponsor Meeting	1:00pm
		Baptism Class	4:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 24	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Staff Fire Extinguisher Training	2:00pm
		Outreach Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 25	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
		Prayer Service	5:45pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	May 26	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

### Adult Education Class Options

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#### *Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil, by Susan Neiman*

Facilitators: David Bluford and Clif Hostetler..... Wesley Room

#### *Making Images and Words*

Facilitator: Jesse Graber ..... Library

#### *Practice of Prayer*

Facilitator: Pastor Ruth..... Sunflower Room