

**February 26, 2023**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**  
**Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am**

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PRELUDE

Goshen College Students

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Rosi Penner Kaufman

\*HYMN VT 42

*Could It Be That God Is Singing*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Duane Krehbiel

OFFERING

Offertory: Goshen students

GREETINGS FROM GOSHEN COLLEGE

CHORAL PRESENTATION

Goshen College Chamber Choir

*Lead with Love*

Dr. Scott Hochstetler, conductor

\*You are invited to stand

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**RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**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.

## **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

- We at Rainbow Mennonite Church acknowledge the land we gather on is the ancestral and treaty homeland of the Kaw/Kansa and Osage Nations.
- We acknowledge the land was taken from these Peoples by force.
- We acknowledge as many as 30 Nations, including the Shawnee, Delaware, Cherokee, Iowa, Kickapoo, Lanape, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Sac & Fox, and Wyandot, were forcibly relocated to Kansas before the US government violated the treaties and violently compelled them to move further west.
- We acknowledge that the Christian church was, and is, complicit in justifying this theft and participated in the cultural genocide of these Nations.
- We acknowledge that these Peoples are still here and that recognizing their deep historic connection to the land is the first step towards building right relationships with them and working together to create a more just society.

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## **Caring Notes ...**

- Pastor Ruth continues out on medical leave as she recovers from surgery. The exact end of her leave will be dependent upon how her recovery progresses. The Deacons will respond to congregational needs. Please contact one of them if a need arises.

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## **Today**

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**Community Building in Fellowship Hall 10:30am**

**Faith Formation Hour 10:50am**

This morning's ushers are **Jonathan Bollinger and Karen Uhlenhuth**. Greeter is **Dan Duncan**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, hearing assistance devices, or location of the restrooms. Closing Trustee is **Mitch Kaufman**.

Note: **The nursery is open and staffed today.**

**There are two Adult Education classes offered during Sunday school hour.**

1. Bible study using material from Mennonite Women USA led by Katie Gilmore in the Wesley Room.
2. A study of the book "Do I Stay Christian? – A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" by Brian McLaren — led by Fred Heeren in room 114.

### **Announcements:**

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**The Rainbow Piecemakers** are holding another Comforter Knotting Blitz on Wednesday, March 1, to make good quality, beautiful comforters for MCC, to send warmth, comfort and love to the refugee camps. The Blitz is open to anyone in the congregation, men, women, children, friends and neighbors, we will be prepared to teach anyone who comes. We will start around 9 am and finish around 7. Stay the day or a couple minutes, or come in the afternoon or after work, or just drop in as you are passing by. Bring a sack lunch or pick up lunch in the neighborhood. We will have coffee, tea, and snacks in the kitchen. No prior knotting experience required; all knots accepted.

**Attention young adults:** We are interested in your ideas! The Deacons are inviting young adults to participate in a short term work group to understand the needs and desires of young adults and young families within the Rainbow community. The goal is to create recommendations for the Deacons that might help Rainbow attract, connect, and engage with young adults and young families. The group will have about 5-7 members and will meet approximately 4-6 times. Please contact Sarah Neher Director of Faith Formation and Congregational Life ([sarah@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:sarah@rainbowmennonite.org)) for more information or to sign up.

**Pastor Feedback Survey:** The Deacons request your help as we collect feedback about Ruth's pastoral role. We are about halfway through a 5-year agreement with Ruth. Although this is not a formal evaluation, it makes sense for us to gather your comments at this midway point. Please answer the questions based on approximately the last two years (prior to December 2022) not including this time of medical leave. Ruth's current job description is available within the survey and the survey is anonymous unless you choose to add your name. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Janelle Arnett Campbell [janelleacampbell@gmail.com](mailto:janelleacampbell@gmail.com) or 816-830-4793. Visit this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/Wad42fMVcsLGeiiB9>. It will be open from Feb 15-March 1.

**Schweitzer and Friends** - I have agreed to be a contact person for sharing information in our congregation about the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of the arrival of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites to the United States around 1874. The celebration will take place August 23-25, 2024 at the Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge, Kansas. The event is currently called “Schweitzer and Friends.” Let me know if you would like to be on a mailing list to receive information about this event. You can email me at [karenghostetler@gmail.com](mailto:karenghostetler@gmail.com). Thanks! – Karen Goering Hostetler

**Little Library**– we are in need of more books for the little library in Whitmore playground. Especially children’s books. People can either put them directly in the Free Little Library or in the tote in the closet at the top of the east steps.

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**February 19, 2023**

Attendance	92
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3
Online Views	46
General Fund	\$2,318.00
Other Donations	\$251.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$2,569.00</b>

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**Calendar**

**This Week**

Monday	Feb 27	Bible Study on zoom	5:00pm
Tuesday	Feb 28	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 1	Piecemakers Blitz	9:00am
		Choir Supper	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 2	Watercolor Class	1:00pm

**Next Week**

Monday	Mar 6	Bible Study on zoom	5:00pm
Tuesday	Mar 7	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
Wednesday	Mar 8	Women’s Lunch on zoom	11:00am
		Choir Supper	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Mar 9	Watercolor Class	1:00pm
		Trustee Meeting	6:00pm
		Peace & Social Justice Comm Mtg	7:00pm