

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 5, 2014

Good Morning! Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary.

Our ushers are **John Mueller and Mary Redmon**; our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Phyllis Carlson**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if have questions about the location of Sunday School rooms or the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Aaron and Caitlin Lindscheid and Will Moore**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

There will be a **special council meeting** today during the Sunday school hour in the Rainbow room.

The social committee is hosting a **clean-the-kitchen** party on Monday October 6 at 5:30 pm. We may also work on Tuesday. More than the usual 3 or 4 are needed to clean and organize our lovely kitchen. Come join the fun! Call Becky Bartel with questions.

Our next **quarterly congregational** meeting will be Sunday, October 19. The senior high youth will be providing chili, corn bread, and dessert for a fundraiser for going to MCUSA convention in Kansas City, MO and MC World convention in Harrisburg, PA next summer, 2015.

The **Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty** will be holding the Kansas City Regional Conference at Rainbow on October 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Email mike@ksabolition.org to register.

BRIGHT CLOTHES SUNDAY RETURNS! Next Sunday we will explore the sense of sight. In that spirit, we invite you to participate in a Rainbow tradition of wearing bright clothes to church.

The October 19 congregational meeting agenda will include voting to amend the Rainbow Mennonite Church Constitution. The recommended amendments have primarily to do with references to Sharing Community in Rosedale, Personnel Committee and filling vacancies for elected positions. A hard copy of these recommended changes is available in the west foyer and you can access it online by going on the member section of the church website. If you have any questions contact moderator Keith Jantz.

New(ish) to Rainbow? If so, join the newcomer lunch gathering occurring 12:00-1:30 pm on Sunday, October 26. This will be an opportunity to meet members of Rainbow, the pastor and staff of Rainbow and other newcomers in a relaxed, informal setting. This is also an opportunity to learn more about Rainbow, to ask questions, and to enjoy food and fellowship. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org) by October 19.

It's time for the annual **CROP Walk!** This year's CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct 12 and begin at Central United Methodist Church (5144 Oak St, KCMO). Check-in begins at 1 pm, runners start at 1:50 pm and the walk begins at 2 pm. The CROP Walk (**C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty) raises money to address hunger and poverty in the Kansas City area and worldwide. Please consider supporting TEAM Rainbow by walking or making a donation. You can register for the walk or donate online by visiting TEAM Rainbow's page. You may designate Mennonite Central Committee "MCC" as the Alternate Agency, if you wish. If you have questions, contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Youth News

The mentor and mentee **potato lunch** is TODAY following Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

Senior High youth will be having our very first youth group meeting on Sunday, October 12th after Sunday school. Pizza will be provided. After our brief meal we will make chili for the congregational meeting to raise money to go to MCUSA convention and MC World Convention this summer.

The **Junior High** students will go to the Midland Railway to witness a “real” train robbery while riding an old fashioned train. Please RSVP to Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org by October 12th if your student plans on attending.

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Attendance.....	169
Visitors (included in attendance count)	17

This Week

Sunday	October 5	Special Council Meeting	10:50 am
		Mentor Potato Lunch	12:00 pm
Monday	October 6	Kitchen Cleanup	5:30 pm
Wednesday	October 8	Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	October 9	KCADP Regional Meeting	5:30 pm
		SCR Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	October 12	Youth Group	12:00 pm
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	October 14	Head Start Parent Meeting	4:00 pm
Wednesday	October 15	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Sunday	October 19	Jr High Midland Railway Outing	2:00 pm

Fall Adult Education Classes

***Falling Upward*.....Wesley Room**
Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life is written by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest. His book focuses on “contemplation” and quietness.” Participants will share ideas and experiences together and will take time to practice being still.

***How Jesus Became God*..... Room 110**
This class views lectures on DVDs that explain Christian history, texts, and traditions that allowed an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state to become thought of as equal and one with God. The lecturer is Bart Ehrman, Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

***The Tao of Inner Peace*.....Sunflower Room**
This class will explore the philosophy known in the West as Daoism, a philosophy which has helped millions of people to seek the path to peace within themselves, with each other, and with the natural world around them. This class will focus on those aspects of Daoism which echo some prominent themes within Anabaptism such as pacifism, simple living, and respect for our natural environment, with integration of meditation and personal sharing.

***The Wired Word*.....Library**
This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. Each Thursday, lessons are emailed to the facilitators with the scriptural texts and questions for discussion. Lesson materials will be emailed each week. This week’s lesson is focused on “revisionism” with the title “New AP History Curriculum Sparks Uproar in Colorado School District.”