

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 12, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**; our greeters are **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Please pray for:

- Eric, Joëlle, Alex and Sophie Jantzen as they grieve the death of Eric's mother Gretl Jantzen who passed away October 5. Funeral services will be held November 1 at First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE.
- Jan and Lonnie Buerge as they continue to grieve the death of Jan's mother Ruth Hartzler. A service was held Saturday October 11 at Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, OH.

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.

Today is the annual **CROP Walk!** Check-in begins at 1 pm at Central United Methodist Church (5144 Oak St, KCMO). Runners start at 1:50 pm and the walk begins at 2 pm. Please consider supporting Team Rainbow by making a donation or walking.

The Mennonite Voluntary Service volunteers will be **selling baked goods** during the fellowship time after church today. The proceeds from sales will help with travel expenses for the MVS national retreat in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania on October 19-23. Thank you for your continued support of the unit!

Please be reminded that the **Quarterly Congregation Meeting will occur on October 19th after Sunday School and chili lunch provided by the senior high youth.** Amendments to the church constitution will be voted on which include changes related to the personnel committee, changes in the replacement process for deacons and trustees, and removal of wording related to SCR. These changes are rather minor in nature but members of the congregation should familiarize themselves with these changes before the meeting. Also, the final design and proposal for construction of a new pulpit will be discussed and voted upon at the meeting on the 19th. Council reviewed the model and the project costs and has recommended proceeding with the pulpit construction. Because the congregation needs to be well informed regarding this project prior to the meeting, the model of the design is presently available for viewing in the sanctuary and will be available for viewing in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 12th. Members of the pulpit committee as well as information about the process involved to arrive at the current proposal will be available during Fellowship Hour on the 12th for members of the congregation to view, comment, and ask questions. To learn more about the project and proposal and constitution changes go on the member section of the church website or grab one of the paper copies available. If you have any questions contact moderator Keith Jantz.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 2! There will be a farewell reception for Anna Marie Peterson in the fellowship hall from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join her Small Group in thanking Anna Marie for her years of participation and contribution to Rainbow Mennonite, and to wish her well as she moves back to Iowa!

Books have been added to the library! Please see the insert in the bulletin to see a list of what has been added.

****HELP HELP HELP!**** Does any person know where silverware from the church could be? Let the office know if you have any at home or if you know where the silverware that used to be in smallish containers could be. Also, if at some point the containers were combined with the silverware in the drawer compartments, let the office know.

Gifts Discernment Sunday is October 26. The gifts discernment committee asks that you fill out the gifts discernment survey so they know where you would like to serve in 2015. The survey can be found on the church website (www.rainbowmennonite.org) under the connect tab and paper copies are available by the east and west entry to the sanctuary.

Youth News

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 renee@rainbowmennonite.org by October 12th if your student plans on attending.

October 5

Attendance.....	120
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	October 19	Chili lunch	11:45 am
		Congregational Meeting	12:45 pm
		Jr High Midland Railway Outing	2:00 pm
Wednesday	October 22	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45pm
Saturday	October 25	Healthy Halloween	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.