

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 19, 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 **Dave and Hannah Schrag**; our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa Schrag**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

There will be a **congregational meeting today** at 12:45 pm following a chili fundraiser lunch hosted by the youth. We will vote on amendments to the constitution and the proposed pulpit.

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).

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!

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.

Everyone is invited to attend the **annual Healthy Halloween** event in Whitmore Park on Saturday, October 25, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Come celebrate the spirit of the holiday with healthy treats and fun games for children. There will be pumpkin painting, ghost races, DIY masks, a trail mix station, bounce house, and much more! Free flu shots will also be available for qualified attendees. Rosedale Development Association’s Healthy Kids Initiative sponsors this event.

Local retail stores are getting ready for Christmas, so maybe the church should too.

Mark your calendars!

- Christmas program Sunday December 14 at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve service Wednesday December 24 at 6:30 pm

Youth News

The **Senior High youth** will be hosting a chili fundraiser lunch in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School today to raise funds for MCUSA Convention and Mennonite World Conference next summer.

The **Junior High** students will go to the Midland Railway to witness a “real” train robbery while riding an old fashioned train today.

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Attendance.....	148
Visitors (included in attendance count)	1

This 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	Personnel Committee	5:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45pm
Saturday	October 25	Healthy Halloween	2:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	October 26	Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
Tuesday	October 28	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 29	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 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. This week's lessons are “Terminally Ill New Bride, 29, Sets Date for Her Death” and “Young Woman's Article about Premarital Abstinence Goes Viral.” Lesson materials will be emailed each week.