

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 2, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**; our greeters are **Bob 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 **Kendric and Michelle Beachey and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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Today's **worship service** was planned by the Rainbow Worship Committee. Special thanks to committee chair Lonnie Buerge for his leadership and for sharing some of his writings with us, including the Perspective on Sainthood.

**Please join us** this afternoon for 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!

**Attention Rainbow Committees** – Stewardship Committee will be seeking your input for the 2015 budget during November. Each committee chair will receive instruction and information to use in preparing the 2015 budget request. Please make this part of the agenda for your November committee meetings. All requests will be due back to the Stewardship Committee about December 1.

**The Youth Room remodel project on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is underway!** Please respect the blocked off areas, and please use the Southeast stairs to access the balcony. The project is estimated to last 4-5 weeks.

**Cross-Lines Sunday** will be Sunday, November 9. Our church is responsible for the food section of the Christmas Store so we will begin collecting contributions to help us purchase the food. We also invite you to donate new coats on Nov. 9. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'; please put cash in an envelope and mark it 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'.

**Cross-Lines Christmas Store** needs your help! This year the Christmas Store is located at 1021 Pacific Ave, Kansas City, KS. Many volunteers (especially strong ones) are needed to help with the set-up of the store this year.

- The local United Methodist conference holds an annual **Bishops' Roundup** of donated items, including food. This year we need extra volunteers to help us unload the food and sort items collected from Bishops' Roundup on Saturday, November 15, 1:30 – 4:30pm, at the Cross-Lines Christmas Store.

- Volunteers are also needed to staff the store while customers shop, from December 1 – 6.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Annie Jones (913.492.7081)

**Road trip to Moundridge, KS!** On Saturday, November 15 several people from Rainbow will participate in **the Reference Council meetings of Western District Conference**. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office or register directly: [mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council](http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council).

Consider joining the **Youth Education Committee**. Depending upon your own gifts and availability, you could be helping to ensure that each Sunday school class is staffed, that curriculum and teaching materials are in place, and that the end-of-class bell is rung. Contact David Schrag, Lee Ann Duncan, or Emma Janzen with questions.

**Pledges to the pulpit construction project** should be turned in to Treasurer Mark Unruh specifying the amount you want to pledge and the time frame over which you'd like to donate according to your pledge schedule. We recommend a maximum time frame of 1 year but ideally a monthly pledge over a six month period would be best. If the goal is reached before you complete your pledge payments, you may cancel the rest or designate a different area of need within the church for the balance of your payments. No pledge cards will be issued and you will need to keep track of your schedule of donation payments. For further questions, contact Keith Jantz or Mark Unruh.

**Rainbow** is an Election Day polling site. We expect a lot of traffic through our building and in our parking lot on Tuesday November 4.

The **welcoming committee** will meet at 12:00 pm today.

### **Youth Updates**

Senior High youth group will be meeting after Sunday school on November 9th, from 12-2pm. A chili lunch will be provided. Join us for a fascinating discussion about peace and nonresistance!

### **Staff Updates**

Pastor Ruth is on a Mennonite Central Committee learning tour in Israel/Palestine. She returns November 12. Claire Zehner will be the deacon on call for pastoral care needs while Ruth is gone.

Youth Program Director Renee Reimer is away on vacation returning November 4.

### **This Week**

Sunday	November 2	Outreach Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
		Farewell Reception for Anna Marie	2:00 pm
Tuesday	November 4	Election Day—Fellowship Hall	All Day
		Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	November 5	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

### **Next Week**

Sunday	November 9	Youth group	12:00 pm
Wednesday	November 12	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 13	Head Start Parent Meeting	5:00 pm
		Youth Support Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	November 15	Bishops Roundup	1:30 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. Title for this week's Wired Word is "**Bart Campolo, former Christian & Son of Famous Preacher Tony Campolo, Is Now a Humanist Chaplain**"