

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 9, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**; our greeters are **John and Jan Albertson**. 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 **Jeff and Emma Janzen and Will Moore**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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 2nd floor is underway! Please respect the blocked off areas and use the Southeast stairs to access the balcony. The project is estimated to last 4-5 weeks.

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.

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.

John and Jan Albertson are embarking on a new adventure on December 1, moving to Hesston, Kansas. They have already had a farm sale and "downsized" quite a bit, but now the work of packing is a reality. They could use some help packing and stacking boxes, and moving the boxes to their garage for quicker access on moving day. If you have careful fingers, good organizational skills or a strong back (or better yet, some combination of the three), please contact Claire Zehner, who is organizing the fun. Times they have suggested that they would welcome help are:

Monday, November 10, 9:00-noon.

Monday, November 10, 1:00-4:00

Thursday, November 13, 9:00-noon

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(and then the same schedule the next week).

Youth Updates

Senior High youth group will be meeting TODAY from 12-2pm. A chili lunch will be provided. Join us for a fascinating discussion about peace and nonresistance!

The **Junior High Progressive Dinner** is Sunday, November 16. Throughout the night we will travel to four houses for appetizers, soup, desserts, and more! Junior Highers will meet at Rainbow at 3:45pm to carpool to mystery house one. Families should plan to pick up youth at 8pm from the final house (parents-be on the lookout for an email with the address).

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.

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Attendance.....	127
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	November 16	Jr High Progressive Dinner	4:00 pm
Tuesday	November 18	Family Game Night	7:00 pm
Wednesday	November 19	Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	November 22	Park/Garden Fall Work day	8:00 am
		MVS Thanksgiving	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.