

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 23, 2015

**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 **John and Pat Bertsche**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or have questions about the location of the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Today's nursery workers are **Janelle Schrag, Jan Good-Bollinger, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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A memorial service was held Friday for Rainbow member **David Wiebe**. Please remember David's family in your prayers. Memorial gifts can be given to Friends of Johnson County Mental Health, in care of the David Wiebe Staff Development Memorial Fund.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped figure out the overflow sound and video for the memorial service on Friday. So many people pitched in to help with the meal, ushering, parking, and set up. We appreciate you! –Rainbow staff

**"Church chat: Let's talk about worship"** Join us at the table in the fellowship hall during the coffee time following service today to discuss your thoughts and hear others' ideas about our worship at Rainbow. This is an opportunity to be conversational in your reflections and feedback; while many will discuss worship in our small groups, this is an open venue to reach any and all at Rainbow. Feel free to listen and share!

The Worship Committee invites you to fill out a **worship feedback form**, with the goal of learning about the congregation's worship experience. Paper copies are available and the survey can be found on the church website ([www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org)) under the members/friends section. Use the password "worshipsurvey".

There will be a **women's luncheon** at 11 am on August 26 at First Watch 11112 Shawnee Mission Parkway. (North side, between Quivera and Nieman Rd).

Please return any **Mennonite Central Committee school kits** to the church by Sunday, August 30.

It's time to start **signing up for small groups!** Groups are intergenerational and focus on building relationships which provide a supportive environment for life's individual challenges and joys. Groups may provide an avenue for discussing congregational and community issues. Members will decide the shape and components of their group life. A list of activities might include: music, prayer, devotions, meals/snacks, community tasks, or other group events. You can sign up online at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org) or paper copies are available.

Plans are to include a **service of reception** of new members during worship on Sunday, September 6. If you are interested, please let Pastor Ruth know as soon as possible.

**Singing, food, fellowship -- the Rainbow Choir trinity.** I know it's still August, but I'm thinking about what great fun we can have learning new tunes and eating good food. We'll kick off a new choir season with a potluck at Duane Graber's home on Wednesday, September 9. For those who want to carpool, meet at the church at 6:00. We'll eat at 6:30, followed by a preview of anthems for the Fall. Talk to Rosi Penner Kaufman if you have questions.

We will be conducting **Safe Sanctuary** instructions and training for all adults involved with children at Rainbow, including nursery and child care attendants, Sunday School teachers, and others during the Sunday School hour at the church on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. This will coincide with the Safe Sanctuary training being administered by Renee Reimer to our youth at the same time. If questions call Keith Jantz.

**Save the Date - Hot Dogs in the Park** will be on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 6:00-7:30pm. This event provides an opportunity to gather with residents from the Rosedale neighborhood for a barbeque and potluck in Whitmore Park. Volunteers are needed to help with set up (starting at 5:00 pm) and clean up (7:30-8:30 pm). To sign-up, contact Rachel Hostetler at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org).

Do you have interest in participating in the **Harvesters' BackSnack program**? This program provides food to hungry children for the weekend. Our church plans to participate again and has openings for volunteers. As a community partner, we are responsible for filling and delivering 40 bags of food for children at Noble Prentis, a local elementary school. Volunteers are needed to unload boxes, fill bags with food or deliver them to the school. Persons sign-up to be responsible for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Friday of every month. Please let me know if you have interest or questions about this. –Rachel Hostetler ([rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org))

Interested in service and international travel? We're exploring the idea of planning an **International Service Trip** for the summer of 2016. Please let Jana Graham or Karla Leuenberg know if you'd be interested in learning more!

### **Staff Updates**

Renee Reimer will be in Elkhart, IN August 23rd-30th taking "Leadership Education in Anabaptist Perspective" at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This is one of the first courses for Renee as she begins her MDIV in Christian Faith Formation in the AMBS connect program.

### **Youth Updates**

Start of the new school year means start of the new youth group year! All youth and families in 6th-12th grade are invited to attend a Youth Program Kick-off lunch on **Sunday, September 20th** following Sunday School. Lunch will be provided and we will talk about upcoming events and trips for this coming year. Hope to see you there!

## **Regional/National News**

**Bethel College golf tournament.** Alumni and friends of Bethel are invited to play in the Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, Sept. 19, in Newton. For details, search for "Alumni Sporting Events" at [www.bethelks.edu](http://www.bethelks.edu), call 316-284-5251 or email [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu). Discount deadline Sept. 4, final deadline Sept. 10.

### **This Week**

Monday	August 24	Head Start Parent Meeting	4:30 pm
Wednesday	August 26	Deacons Meeting	10:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	August 27	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	August 28	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

### **Next Week**

Tuesday	September 1	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 2	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	September 4	Will Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am