

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 11, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. 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 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. Today's nursery workers are **Dawn Araujo and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Interested in a Sunday afternoon walk? The jr high youth from Rainbow will be participating in the **CROP Walk TODAY** and would love your company. Registration begins at 1 pm and the walk at 2 pm at Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak, KCMO.

Rainbow Young Adults: We will be having a Royals watch party this afternoon starting at 3 pm at Jan and Lonnie Buerge's house. More information can be found on the Rainbow Young Adult Facebook page.

Sunday October 18 will be a busy day at Rainbow and we hope you can join us!

- We will be recognizing **new members**. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email Pastor Ruth.
- The Mennonite Voluntary Service members will be having a **bake sale** during the fellowship time to raise funds for their fall retreat.
- There will be a **potluck and congregational meeting** following Sunday School. Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

It is time for fall clean-up and reorganization in the **church kitchen**. We will have work nights Monday and Tuesday, October 12 and 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm or until the jobs are done, or we are tired. Please bring rags and cleaning supplies. Any questions, contact Kathy Kaufman or Becky Bartel.

There will be a **Rainbow Garden Workday** on October 17 from 9-12. We will be clearing out the beds and replacing the paths with grass. This is a great hands on way to help Rainbow Freedom School and we'd be delighted if you could join us! Contact Aaron Barnhart with questions.

Parables, a select student group from Goshen College, will give a presentation at Rainbow on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm. Their theme for the 2015-16 performance year is "Finding hope in Christ, community and creation." This small group of eight performers combines music, original drama and personal stories to create an engaging worship experience designed to inspire, comfort and challenge. I am looking for **housing** for Wednesday night for seven of the traveling group members. They are traveling in a van and could manage morning pick-up if it is not convenient to bring the students to church on Thursday morning. Please email me if you are able to host. Thank you, Rosi Penner Kaufman

For our celebration of **All Saints Day** on November 1st, we invite you to write a memory and/or the name of someone who has passed away on a piece of tissue and tuck it into our Memory Tower in the Wesley Room which we hope to fill over the next 43 weeks. You are also invited to write names and memories on many more pieces of tissue over the next weeks to fill our tower.

Lunch n Learn! The Worship Committee is sponsoring Debra Sapp-Yarwood in presenting "Ideas Worth Stealing? A Discussion of What Scholars and Other Traditions may offer Rainbow." This is part of Debra's coursework at Central Baptist Seminary and will be presented in the Fellowship Hall on October 25 after the education hour. There will be a small luncheon provided. In order to plan, please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

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 under the members/friends section. Use the password "worshipsurvey".

"Held Together in Christ," based on Colossians 1:17, is the theme of this year's **Western District Conference Annual Assembly** to be held on October 30-31 at Bethel College in North Newton, KS. Seven delegates from Rainbow have already been selected, but you don't have to be a delegate in order to attend.

The **middle school class** is collecting items for relief kits to send to MCC to help Syrian refugees. A kit is composed of the following:

4 large bars of bath soap

1 plastic bottle of shampoo (13 to 24 oz.; place in resealable plastic bag)

4 large BARS laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote are commonly available brands)

4 adult size toothbrushes

4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)

2 wide tooth combs (6 to 8 inches)

1 fingernail clipper (good quality)

1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count assorted)

1 package sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi)

If you would like to participate contact Terry Rouse

Youth Updates

Any and all Jr high youth are welcome to attend the **CROP Walk** TODAY. We will enjoy walking tacos for lunch following Sunday School, head to the CROP walk for a few fun activities, WALK, and be back at the church around 4pm. Parents, if you have not yet signed a parent/guardian consent form for the walk you must do so.

The very first **Jr high breakfast** will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 8:30am. A yummy breakfast will be available and we will discuss ways we would like to be involved in upcoming worship services. AND we will how to work the espresso machine!

Sr high lunch discussion will begin on Sunday, October 18th from 11am-12:30pm. Over the course of this school year we will be looking at the book, *Can I Ask That?*, from the sticky faith curriculum. Lunch will be available.

This Week

Sunday	October 11	CROP Walk	2:00 pm
Monday	October 12	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	October 13	Deacons Meeting	1:00 pm
		Outreach Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	October 14	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	October 17	Garden Workday	9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	October 18	Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Potluck	11:50 am
		Congregational Meeting	12:45 pm
Wednesday	October 21	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Friday	October 23	SCR Meeting	8:00 am
Saturday	October 24	Healthy Halloween	2:00 pm

Fall Adult Education Classes

Three Short Books Everyone Should Read..... Wesley Room

We are now reading *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Solzhenitsyn. We will discuss it for the next two Sundays. On October 25 we will begin *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko. The last Sunday of the Sunday School quarter will be for a discussion of all three books.

Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ.....Room 111

This class will discuss the book *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ* by Reza Aslan which offers a fresh look at the Nazarene, focusing on how Jesus the man evolved into Jesus the Christ. Approaching the subject from a purely academic perspective, the author parts an important curtain that has long hidden from view the man Jesus, who is every bit as compelling, charismatic, and praiseworthy as Jesus the Christ.

Polity, Bible, & LGBTQ Controversies in MCUSA.....Sunflower Room

This class is primarily focused on the study of Stephanie Krehbiel's PHD dissertation titled, "*PACIFIST BATTLEGROUND: Violence, Community, and the Struggle for LGBTQ Justice in the Mennonite Church USA.*" Additional material that will be studied includes a study of Mennonite Church polity titled, "*Grace at the Table: A Resource for Institutional Peacemaking,*" by our own Alyssa Bennett Smith. Other material covered will include commentary on Biblical references to same sex issues.