

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 8, 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 and greeters are **Dave, Hannah, 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. Today's nursery workers are **Carrie and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Please **remember in prayer**:

- Annie Jones on the recent death of her sister, Constance "Connie" Stucky Lewis. A memorial service will be held on November 15 in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Dick and Brenda Tatro and their daughter Teresa "Teri" Yoder as she recovers from brain surgery in Chicago.

Congratulations and well wishes to Ben Shenk and Krista Allen who will be married November 21 in Goshen, IN.

There is still time to **add names and memories** to the All Saints Memory Tower which now stands at the front of the sanctuary. Pieces of tissue will be available before and after today's service.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday, November 15 from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org).

The sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass will once again be heard at Rainbow. On **November 17 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m.** the "Tuesday Night String Band" will host a time for tunes and songs. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke

Youth Updates

Any and all **Jr highers** are invited to our breakfast next Sunday, November 15th at 8:30am. Hope to see you upstairs in the youth room to eat some delicious food!

Sr high lunch will take place on November 15th during Sunday School until about 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided!

Gifts Discernment

The Gifts Discernment Committee encourages you to fill out the Gifts Discernment Survey form for 2016 to indicate those areas of the Church ministry in which you wish to contribute this coming year and to identify special skills/expertise you have. Your information provides important guidance to committee chairs and the Church Council as volunteer as well as elected responsibilities are met. Our ministry to our membership as well as the larger community depends on your participation. Please return your completed forms to Ashton Wells in the Church Office or go to www.rainbowmennonite.org/connect/gifts-discernment/ to complete them online. For any questions, contact Keith Jantz.

Stewardship Updates

Committees - it's budget time! The development of the 2016 budget begins with your input. Please plan on meeting during November to develop your request and submit it to the Stewardship Committee by December 1. We do want each committee to give significant thought to the budget as we anticipate increased maintenance expenses in the upcoming years.

The **East Hill Singers** present “Why We Sing” on Sunday November 15, 2015 at 4 pm, with an exhibit at 3 pm at Our Lady and St. Rose (2300 N 8th St, Kansas City, KS). There will be a repeat performance on Sunday November 22, 2015 at Old Mission Methodist Church (5519 State Park Rd, Mission, KS). Concerts are free and open to the public.

This Week

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| Sunday | November 8 | Trustees Meeting | 12:00 pm |
| Tuesday | November 10 | Worship Committee Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | November 11 | Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) | 6:45 pm |

Next Week

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| Sunday | November 15 | Jr High Breakfast | 8:30 am |
| | | Sr High Lunch | 11:00 am |
| Tuesday | November 17 | Tuesday Tunes | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | November 18 | Deacons Meeting | 9:30 am |
| | | Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) | 6:45 pm |
| Wednesday | November 19 | Park Committee Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| | | Church Council Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday | November 21 | SCR Retreat | 9:00 am |

Fall Adult Education Classes

***Lila: A Novel*.....Library**

This class will discuss the book *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. The novel is a story of a girlhood lived on the fringes of society in fear, awe, and wonder. After years of roaming the countryside, Lila steps inside a small-town Iowa church and ignites a romance with the minister and becomes the minister's wife. However, she struggles to reconcile the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with the gentle Christian worldview of her husband who paradoxically judges those she loves.

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

Today we will be discussing *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko. The last Sunday of the Sunday School quarter will be for a discussion of all three books (*Slaughterhouse-Five*, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* and *Ceremony*).

***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 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.