

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 21, 2016

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 **Dave and Hannah Schrag**. Our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa Schrag**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

The "**Guatemala Group**" will be sharing pictures and stories from our trip during the Church School hour today. Come hear about the tarantula we found, the trenches and hole we dug and about the relationships we built and renewed in Panabaj. We hope you can stay for a fundraising meal to replenish the International Service Trip fund and provide some seed money for the next trip.

Today we **welcome our new MVSers** to Kansas City. Michael Ghaly will be working at Della Lamb Community Services, Kiengkham Thor will be at Cultivate KC, and Christina Hofer will be at Kansas City Community Gardens. After a local orientation, they will begin their one-year assignments on August 25.

We offer **prayers and well wishes** to Brooke Banning and BJ Heffernan as they prepare to unite in marriage on Saturday, August 27.

TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF A SMALL GROUP

We are adding new persons to **small group rosters** now and invite you to join one. Contact one of the Small group Committee members and we will find a wonderful place for you. Members are Tanya Ortman, Pat Bertche, LeeAnn Duncan and Peggy Coriell

Registration for the church retreat September 24th-25th is now open! The retreat will take place at Youthfront LaCygne. Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah Director, will be our guest speaker and activity organizer. The theme of the retreat will center on ways one can be more intentional about our outdoor space, whether that be through prayer, worship, or play! There will be an overnight option, day-only option, and Sunday morning only option. This retreat center specializes in meditation and provides a variety of walking trails, meditation and prayer opportunities, as well as a lake for boating, swimming, and fishing. Please see Renee Reimer if you have any questions about the retreat. To register online, look for a link in the midweek email. Paper copies of the registration form are available at the east and west entrance to the Sanctuary.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday September 11 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) by September 7.

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered 3 times this fall for adults working with children and youth at Rainbow Mennonite Church this coming school year. This includes Sunday School teacher, sponsors, nursery helpers, new mentors, WorshipArts teachers, and any other adults who may work with youth throughout the year. This training needs to be repeated every year, but have no fear it has been revamped and will be a different experience. The options for the training will be **August 28th 10:45-11:45am, September 4th 8:30-9:30am, September 11th 10:45-11:45am.**

Coming to Rainbow for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month:

Laughter is Sacred Space: The Human Faces Tour

On Saturday, September 3 at 7:00 pm, Ted Swartz, owner and creative director of Ted & Co, a professional touring theater company, will be at Rainbow performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*, his own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope. There is no admission charge, but we are asking for a \$10 donation.

This Tour also creates space for others stories. Ted will be touring with professional photographer Steven Stauffer, who will take portraits of people who'd like to share their own journey of struggling with a mental disorder; or those who care for loved ones who struggle, or have lost a loved one to suicide.

An ad hoc committee has begun work **to preserve archives** related to the history of our church and previous congregations that comprise our historical narrative. Currently, the committee is in the process of gathering information regarding items of archival interest including documents, photos, videos, and physical items that may be stored in the church or currently kept at home by congregation members. If you have any such items at home or know of the whereabouts of such items, please notify any of the committee members, Kathy Kaufman, Karen Hostetler, or Keith Jantz. Contact Keith Jantz if you have any questions about the committee's plans.

Member updates:

Are you interested in a **community** with stronger interpersonal relationships and with more connection to the Rosedale neighborhood? On Sunday, August 28 there will be a meeting at 10:45 in the library to discuss creating an intentional community in Rosedale that practices hospitality, sustainability, the economics of sharing and simplicity, and non-violent resistance to oppression. To RSVP for the meeting, please complete an interest survey by going

to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2BV83Y>. For more information or to request a paper copy of the survey, please contact Kimberly Hunter or Terry Rouse

The Sept 2 Rainbow group attending the Royals game is filling up fast. We currently have 20 tickets ordered. The cost is \$22/ticket. The deadline for adding to this group is Aug 18. Please send an email to carrieprg@gmail.com to order tickets. We will have a lot of fun so hope even more can join in! See Josh Chittum or Lonnie Buerge for questions.

A **wedding shower** for Elizabeth Uribe and Eli Page-Goertz is planned for Saturday, Sept 10 at 4:00 at the home of Jan and Lonnie Buerge and co-hosted by Clif and Karen Hostetler, Linda and Dale Graham and Kathryn Kreider. Please RSVP to carrieprg@gmail.com. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Williams-Sonoma. Everyone is welcome.

This Week

Sunday	August 21	Guatemala Fundraising Meal	11:00 am
Tuesday	August 23	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Thursday	August 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	August 26	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	August 28	Safe Sanctuary Training	10:45 am
		Youth Sponsor Meeting	5:30 pm
Tuesday	August 30	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	August 31	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
Friday	September 2	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Saturday	September 3	<i>Laughter is Sacred Space</i>	7:00 pm

August 14

Attendance.....	172
Visitors (included in attendance count)	17

Community News

From Rosedale Development Association:

We are very sad to announce that Heidi Holliday, RDA's fearless leader for the past 4 years, is resigning as our Executive Director. However, she will continue to advocate for Rosedale families in her new position as Executive Director at the Kansas Center for Economic Growth, which starts in September. Help us wish Heidi good luck in her new role at our farewell position on August 24th from 5-8 p.m. at 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS.