

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 28, 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 usher is **Jonathan Bollinger**. Our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Cynthia Kaufman, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Terry Rouse has **been hired** as Rainbow's new part-time Maintenance Coordinator. He will begin tomorrow, August 29. His contact information is listed on the back of the bulletin.

We offer **condolences** to Becky Fast as she grieves the sudden death of her father Alvin Fast. Services were held August 27 in Mountain Lake.

We offer **prayers and well wishes** to Brooke Banning and BJ Heffernan as they were united in marriage yesterday.

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. Our first training will take place **this Sunday in Room 114 (WorshipArts room) at 10:45 am**. 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. The other options for the training will be **September 4th 8:30-9:30am and September 11th 10:45-11:45am**.

If you are not in a **small group**, we invite you to join one now! 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

Adult Education classes will begin on September 11, 2016. Information about the class offerings can be found on the yellow handout in the east and west entry.

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.

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.

Calling all **children and youth Sunday School teachers!** There will be a very brief meeting following the Safe Sanctuary training on Sunday, September 11th to meet with your other room teachers to go over scheduling and curriculum, location tba. Sunday school will begin on September 11th with special Safe Sanctuary training for the children and youth. This training will be led by other volunteers. Teachers will begin teaching on Sunday, September 18th.

These are a few of my favorite things. . .SINGING and POTLUCKS! So let's combine them to kick off a new choir season. The first choir gathering will be Wednesday, **Sept. 7** at Duane Graber's home. Those who want to carpool, please meet at the church at 6:00. Potluck begins at 6:30. The address is 11149 Cernech Rd Kansas City, KS 66109. Choir is open to any and all who enjoy singing and being an integral part of the worship service. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00, and for those who want additional time for fellowship and supper(!), we have a light meal at 6:15 for a small donation. There are no auditions, and we recognize busy schedules, so please join when you are able. If you have questions, please talk with Rosi Penner Kaufman (music@rainbowmennonite.org).

Looking for a break from the busyness of Fall already? **Register for the church retreat** on September 24th-25th to take a break and enjoy the outdoor air with others from Rainbow Mennonite Church! The retreat will take place at Youthfront LaCygne, (22626 E 2400th Rd, Lacygne, KS 66040). Feel free to register for what best fits your schedule by registering for day-only options or staying overnight for a church wide lock-in (just kidding you will have a cabin). Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah Director, will be our guest speaker and activity organizer. Please see Renee Reimer if you have any questions about the retreat. The link to register is in the midweek and paper copies are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

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? Today 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. Bring your coffee, donut, and questions to the discussion.

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.

1 Bedroom Apartment for Rent. 5 minutes to KU Med Center. Call Glenda Campbell for more info: 913-831-1049.

Youth Updates

Jr high and Sr high youth group at Rainbow is gearing up for Fall! To kick off the year there will be an **overnight retreat** at the Wetzels home (8919 Greenway Ln Lenexa, KS) on Saturday, September 10th beginning at 4pm. There will be lots of food, a special guest leading some adventure obstacles, and plenty of time to fellowship together.

Youth and parents of youth are invited to attend a **pizza lunch** on Sunday, September 18th from 12-1pm in the fellowship hall to learn about what's happening in the youth program this year. Some of the big topics will include information on the Jr high Snow Camp trip and the Sr high trip to MCUSA in Orlando, FL.

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	September 4	Safe Sanctuary Training	8:30 am
Tuesday	September 6	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 7	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Saturday	September 10	Youth Retreat	4:00 pm

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Attendance.....	151
Visitors (included in attendance count)	11