

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 11, 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 **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 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 **Michelle, Kendric, Gabby, and Delaney Beachey**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

We offer **condolences** to Verlin Bartel and family as they grieve the death of Verlin's mother-in-law Ruth Schmidt. A Celebration of Life service will be today (September 4) at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton.

Sunday School for adults and children begins today! See the back of the bulletin for information about the Adult Education options. Children will meet in their regular rooms for a special focus of how to feel safe at church and how to express boundaries to others.

The last Safe Sanctuary training will be today **Sunday, September 11** at 11:00 am in the WorshipArts Room (room 114). Any adult working with children/youth needs to complete this training. 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.

Calling all **children and youth Sunday School teachers!** There will be a very brief meeting following the Safe Sanctuary training TODAY to meet with your other room teachers to go over scheduling and curriculum in the WorshipArts room (Room 114). Teachers will begin teaching on Sunday, September 18th.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch today from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow.

MVS needs your help! We need assistance helping Kiengkham get to and from work at Juniper Gardens at 100 Richmond Ave in KCK. She would need to be picked up at the MVS House at 8:15am. She would finish work at 5 pm. We would like to have Kiengkham have the same drivers each week if possible. Days/times needed for the rest of 2016 are Monday 5 pm, Tuesday 8:15 am, and Thursday 8:15 am. If you are willing to commit to driving one of these times each week, please contact Eric Jantzen at jantzen@everestkc.net or 913-596-0903.

Park work day on September 17, from 8am until finished. We will be spreading wood chips, trimming bushes, turn a tire, pull weeds, move compost, rake up pine cones, sweep sidewalks, pick up trash and branches, plant more mint, deadhead hostas. Something for everyone!

The next **young adult potluck** will be on Sunday, September 18th beginning at 6pm. If you think you are a young adult bring a dish to share to Renee Reimer's new residence. Hope to see you there!

Welcome to September! That means that the church retreat is only a few weeks away (**September 24th-25th** to be exact)! Yippee! The retreat will take place at Youthfront LaCygne, (22626 E 2400th Rd, Lacygne, KS 66040). The retreat will begin with a potluck lunch on Saturday. Plan to pay what you are able on Saturday, September 24th when you check-in at the retreat (\$65 for overnight, \$45 for day-only, small donation for Sunday lunch, Sunday worship no charge). 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.

Mark your calendars! Our next quarterly congregational meeting will be Sunday, October 16.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office on Friday September 16.

Member updates:

1 Bedroom Apartment for Rent. Call Glenda Campbell for more info: 913-831-1049.

Dave & Diane Richardson Spaite are looking for **3 runners** to complete their 5-person relay team in the upcoming KC Marathon. Food & fun the night before race day on October 15th. Mileage varies from 3-6 miles each leg. \$50 per person includes running swag, food at end of race & a vonder-ful good time. E-mail djs.spaite@gmail.com if interested! *side note: we run for fun*

Youth Updates

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	September 11	Safe Sanctuary Training	10:45 am
		Newcomer Lunch	11:45 am
		Youth Sunday School Teacher Meeting	11:45 am
		MVS Support Board Meeting	3:00 pm
Tuesday	September 13	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Campus Carry Conversation	5:30 pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
Wednesday	September 14	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Outreach Committee Meeting	1:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	September 15	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	September 17	Park Work Day	8:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	September 18	Youth and Parent Luncheon	12:00 pm
		Young Adult Potluck	6:00 pm
Tuesday	September 20	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Youth Support Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 21	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	September 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	September 23	SCR Board Meeting	8:00 am
Saturday	September 24	Church Retreat	All Day

August 28

Attendance.....	160
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9

Fall Adult Education Classes

Jesus and His Jewish Influences Room 111

This class consists of lecture videos by Jodi Magness, Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This is a continuation of the lecture series viewed during the Spring 2016 quarter. The lectures can be enjoyed by all who are interested, and it is not necessary to have seen the first twelve lectures. The following are the titles of the lectures to be viewed in this Autumn quarter.

9/11: Jewish Ritual Purity: The Sons of Light

The Wired WordLibrary

The Wired Word uses current headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. On Thursday of each week, a lesson will be emailed to the facilitators with the appropriate scriptural texts and questions for discussion. The facilitators can email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class. Participants can also join in the discussion without having read the lesson since it will be based on a current topic.

Meditation Practices Wesley Room

How often do we find time in our daily lives to sit back and reflect how God is working in our lives? Or how is my spirit doing today? How does the world around me impact my spiritual journey? This Sunday School class will consist of a variety of meditation practices that allow one to simply be. To be with God, to be with oneself, and to be within the world. The class will be designed for people to spend as much time as they need to meditate and come and go as they please. Throughout this series a variety of meditation and prayer exercises will be available to explore as one contemplates the spirit of being.

The Fire This Time.....Sunflower Room

Director of the HAAS Institute, John A. Powell, compares race to gravity; we are all affected, but few of us understand. Full comprehension may remain unattainable, but intentional work at *trying* is solicited by the divine. In a state of open prayer, with love for ourselves and others, this class will offer one model (out of many) for analyzing our racial identities through intentional hearing and internal reflection. This deviates from the normal mode of discussion based inquiry, which presents a unique challenge as we address a demanding topic. Though our efforts are imperfect and the process is messy, we ultimately seek to create change by traveling down all the minor tributaries and major waterways revolution requires. Let us convene. Let us act. Let us struggle. The fire is this time.