

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 18, 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, need a hearing assistance device 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 **Emma and Jeff Janzen and Brianna Yoder**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Please **pray** for the Roman family as Michelle Roman's father, Wendell Rempel, passed away on September 11. Services were held on Friday at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

The **young adult potluck** will be TONIGHT beginning at 6pm. If you think you are a young adult bring a dish to share to Renee Reimer's new residence, 4022 S Minnie St Kansas City, KS. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Hope to see you there!

The **church retreat** is happening in less than two weeks and we want to know if you are attending this (hopefully) wonderful experience outdoors together! If you plan to attend the church retreat at any point during the weekend of September 24th-25th please register by the end of the day on Sunday, September 18th. The retreat will begin with a potluck lunch at 12:30pm on Saturday, September 24th, but people are allowed to begin arriving at 11am to begin the fun! There will be **no worship services held at Rainbow on Sunday, September 25th** but everyone is welcome to attend the worship service being held at Youthfront LyCygne (22626 E. 2400 Rd. LaCygne, KS) beginning at 10am. We will let all creation sing!

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 23.

Youth Updates

Youth and parents of youth are invited to attend a **pizza lunch** TODAY 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.

Regional/National News

On Monday, September 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "The Revival: Time for a Moral Revolution of Values" Kansas City service will take place at St. James United Methodist Church, 5540 Wayne Ave. The Revival will tell the stories of those who have been hurt by regressive policies.

The **Next Chapter Kansas City** forum on September 27 will focus on "Replacing the Lost Benefits of Work." It will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. This is a non-financial presentation. You will have an opportunity to learn about the importance of personal achievement, affiliations with others, and a healthy sense of power and authority in one's life. The presenters will be Mickie Schroeder and Jeff Jans, transition and retirement coaches, and owners of "Boomerangs Retirement Life Coaching." There is no charge. You may also contact Karen Hostetler at karenh@sckck.org or at [913-485-0975](tel:913-485-0975) for more information. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies.

The **Shepherd's Center** of Kansas City, Kansas is celebrating its 30th Anniversary on Thursday, October 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the KCK Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4 at 7844 Leavenworth Rd, Kansas City, KS 66109. Tickets are \$30 per person. Rainbow Mennonite has been a Sponsoring Congregation of the Shepherd's Center since its beginning in 1986.

Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher for 2016-2017 School Year

Preschool (2-5 year olds)

Leah Schwarz
Emily Gundy
Melissa Funk
Katie Dyck

3rd-5th Grade

Dave Schrag
Josh Chittum
Janelle Campbell
Christina Hofer

K-2nd Grade

Beatrix Amstutz
Christian Buller
Greg Schwarz

Senior High

Jon Wiebe
Mike Peters
Rod Kliwer
Renee Reimer
Ashton Wells

Junior High

Terry Rouse
Phil Rhoads
Kimberly Hunter

The Youth Education Committee is still looking for volunteers who would be willing to be on the substitute list. If you would be interested in subbing in a Sunday School classroom occasionally please let Renee Reimer or Jon Wiebe know. Thank you!

This 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
		Kitchen Deep Clean	4:00 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	11:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	September 25	Worship at Church Retreat	10:00 am
Tuesday	September 27	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	September 28	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		MVS Conversation	6:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	September 30	Wedding Rehearsal	4:30 pm
Saturday	October 1	Eli Page-Goertz & Elizabeth Uribe Wedding	4:00 pm

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.