

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 2, 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.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Today is World Communion Sunday (WCS). Thanks to Rainbow member Leroy Seat for providing the following information on his blog *The View from this Seat* on September 25: “*WCS is widely observed each year on the first Sunday of October, largely for the purpose of promoting Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. WCS dates back to 1933 when Hugh T. Kerr, a Presbyterian pastor, began the observance... Then in 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed WCS and began to promote it worldwide.*”

Please pray for Mike Peters and Lois Briles as they grieve the death of Mike's father Don, of Henderson, Nebraska, as well as Mike's uncle Robert of Goshen, IN (Don's brother) who died on September 12. A service for Don was held Tuesday in Henderson, NE.

In the spirit of World Communion Sunday, Pastor Ruth is hosting a **Catholic-Mennonite relations** conversation tonight from 5-7 pm. If you belong to a bi-ecclesial (Mennonite and Catholic) family or if you have personal or familial connections to both traditions, please see Ruth after today's worship service.

Interested in **becoming a member** at Rainbow? Please contact Pastor Ruth if you are interested in learning more about this process. Either call the church or email her at ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to sign up for **nursery service**. If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman at cokyassoc@gmail.com or 913-530-6696. Thank you.

Today at noon in the Fellowship Hall, a potluck meeting will be held to discuss creating an intentional community in Rosedale that practices hospitality, sustainability, the economics of sharing and simplicity, and non-violent resistance to oppression. This potluck's conversation will explore developing a routine of spiritually-centering and community-building activities for interested folks who already live in the neighborhood. All who are interested are welcome.

On October 9 from 11-3 pm the **Outreach Committee** is assisting Good News Church with an event in Whitmore Park. The theme is embracing Rosedale. They will be providing free American and Mexican hot dogs and will have other activities going on in the park.

This year the junior high youth will be walking in this year's **CROP Walk**, Sunday, October 9. Registration begins at 1:00pm at Central United Methodist Church (5144 Oak St. Kansas City, MO 64112) with the walk beginning at 2:00pm and anyone is welcome to walk with us! Please SIGN UP on the webpage. If you would rather not walk but would be interested in donating, you may do so online or in person during the coffee hour on Sunday, October 9th. For more information regarding the CROP walk contact: phil.rhoads@gmail.com.

The Outreach Committee invites everyone to **Family Game Night** on Thursday October 13 from 6 to 8 pm. We will be serving pizza and will have a number of games/activities for the whole family. We are also inviting Freedom School families so you will get a chance to mingle with them. We could use a few volunteers to help serve pizza. To help, contact Terry Rouse at 816.810.0987 or trbikerkc@gmail.com.

The sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass will once again be heard at Rainbow. October 18 at 7:00 p.m. the "**Tuesday Night String Band**" will host a time for tunes and songs. We'll play until about 9:00. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke at 816 628 9084 or email steve.gail.goeke@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars! Our next quarterly congregational meeting will be Sunday, October 16. If you have agenda items for Council consideration, please submit them no later than Monday, September 26.

There will be two more safe sanctuary trainings on October 9 and 23. Time TBD. Anyone working with children or youth this year who has not already attended a training this year must attend.

Youth Updates

The first **youth group meeting** of the year will take place on Sunday, October 2nd from 6-8pm. We will be meeting at the MVS house up the street from the church (2303 S Early St). Supper will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair with you. Hope to see you there for some fun games, good food, and great fellowship!

All junior high youth are invited to walk in the **CROP Walk** together on Sunday, October 9th. Please SIGN UP on the webpage. Lunch will be provided at Rainbow following Sunday school and rides will be given to the start of the walk for junior high youth. Bring walking clothes and shoes to church with you. Parents, please plan to pick up your youth from Central United Methodist Church (5144 Oak St. Kansas City, MO 64112) around 3:30pm. Or walk with us!

This Week

Sunday	October 2	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	October 4	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	6:45 pm
Wednesday	October 5	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	October 8	Good News Event in Park	11:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	October 9	CROP Walk	12:00 pm
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	October 11	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	October 12	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	October 13	Family Game Night	6:00 pm
		Rosedale Farmers Market Meeting	6:00 pm
		Christmas Program Meeting	7:00 pm
		RPAC Meeting	8:00 pm
Friday	October 14	Te Deum Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Saturday	October 15	Te Deum Rehearsal	10:00 am
		Te Deum Rehearsal	2:00 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. See today's insert.

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.