

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 4, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Sammy Stayton**. 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 **Katie Dyck, Carrie and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Please plan to stay for the post game commentary with Ted! Following Fellowship Time we will gather back in the Sanctuary with Ted. Bring your unanswered or inadequately answered questions regarding last night's show or today's sermon.

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.

Thank you to all who so graciously gave to support the purchase of school uniforms for incoming refugees. We appreciate your kindness and giving spirit. –Melinda on behalf of Jewish Vocational Services.

The last Safe Sanctuary training will be next **Sunday, September 11** at 10:45 am. 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.

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.

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.

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 needed for the rest of 2016 are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. If you are willing to commit to driving one way, one day each week, please contact Eric Jantzen at jantzen@everestkc.net or 913-596-0903.

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. 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).

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). 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.

Can't attend the Church Retreat but want to **make it possible** for someone else to attend? We don't want this retreat to be cost prohibitive for anyone so if you can't attend, but have the financial means to sponsor someone else, please write a check out to Rainbow with the memo line: Retreat. Overnight registration is \$65 and Saturday only is \$45.

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Church Administrator Ashton Wells will be out of the office on Tuesday Sept 6.

Member updates:

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 Wetzel's home 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	September 4	Safe Sanctuary Training	8:30 am
Tuesday	September 6	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	September 10	Youth Retreat	4:00 pm

Next 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
Thursday	September 15	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	September 17	Park Work Day	8:00 am

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Attendance.....	136
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9