

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 16, 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 **Sammy Stayton and Becca Claassen**. 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 Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Please pray for Russel Yoder as he was admitted to KU Medical Center ICU on Tuesday evening last week.

We extend well wishes and congratulations to Rainbow congregants

- M'Balia Thomas and Scott Cossel who will be united in marriage on Friday, October 21.
- Steven Cress and Kayla Glaser who will be united in marriage on Saturday, October 22.

Today following Sunday School there will be a **potluck and congregational meeting**. Copies of the agenda can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

Shape-note concert at Rainbow: Tonight at 7:00 pm: Te Deum is a local professional vocal ensemble led by Matthew Shepherd. The Rainbow Performing Arts Committee is hosting their first concert of the season free and open to the public.

Printed copies of the **Psalm 23** adaptations written by members of Rainbow are now available. They are \$10/copy and can be purchased during the fellowship hour. We will be placing a second order soon so please leave your name on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for the number you would like.

It's time to start filling out the newly revised **Gifts Discernment Survey!** Please take a minute to fill out a survey about ways that you would like to be involved at Rainbow. Paper copies are available in your bulletin and the online version can be found in the midweek email.

Thank you to everyone who supported the CROP Walk walkers last Sunday. We raised over \$1,200 to help stop hunger and had over 17 walkers in our group.

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. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke

An additional **Safe Sanctuary Training** is scheduled for Sunday October 23rd immediately following Sunday School in the Worship Arts room (room 114). Volunteers who will be working in the nursery, youth and children Sunday School teachers (both regularly or subbing), sponsors, and anyone else working with children and youth this year must attend this training.

Baby Shower! Join the Youth Group Sponsors in a baby shower for Aaron and Katie Dyck on Sunday, October 23rd at 12pm. Bring your favorite baby/childhood book and money for a money tree. There will be cake and snacks provided.

The next **Young Adult Potluck** Picnic will take place at Taco Republic (500 County Line Rd, Kansas City, KS 66103) on Sunday, October 23rd at 6pm. It is not actually a potluck or a picnic, but an opportunity to gather together in October. And there is cornhole! Look for the group of Rainbow young adults by a table near the cornhole.

Healthy Halloween, sponsored by Rosedale Development Association, will be taking place in Whitmore Park on October 22 from 2-5 pm. There will be pumpkin painting, a bounce house, and more! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Andrea Steere at 913-677-5097 or andrea@rosedale.org.

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

Youth Updates

Jr high breakfast will start back up again on Sunday, October 16th at 8:30am. All junior high youth are invited for a free breakfast AND activity.

Sr high lunch and discussion we resume on Sunday, October 16th from 11am-12:00 pm. See you in the sr high room!

Healthy Halloween will be happening on Saturday, October 22nd in the afternoon. If there are any sr high youth interested in volunteering for the opportunity, please RSVP to Renee. Halloween costumes are optional!

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Attendance.....	127
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2

This Week

Sunday	October 16	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Discussion	11:00 pm
		Potluck	12:00 pm
		Congregational Meeting	12:45 pm
		Te Deum Concert	7:00 pm
Tuesday	October 18	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Tuesday Tunes	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 19	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	October 22	Healthy Halloween	2:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	October 23	Safe Sanctuary Training	11:45 am
		Young Adult Potluck Picnic	6:00 pm
Tuesday	October 25	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	October 26	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	October 27	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	October 28	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

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 Fellowship Hall

Anyone is welcome to participate in the Meditation Practices Sunday School class, as many of the practices focused on can be done at your own pace and in your own space. There typically will not be a facilitator to act as a guide. In the coming weeks there may be a time when some of these practices will be done in community with a facilitator. This week the practice will involve mindful coloring in the Fellowship Hall.

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.