

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 23, 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 **David Stewart and Jonathan Bollinger**. Our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and George Melby**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Abigail Grittman**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Lois Briles and Mike Peters want to **thank everyone** at Rainbow for your cards, calls, emails, memorial gifts, thoughts and prayers following the death of our father and uncle. We are extraordinarily blessed to be part of such a caring and loving community.

Please pray for Becca Claassen as she recovers at home from an unexpected gallbladder surgery and Russel Yoder as he receives care at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

An additional **Safe Sanctuary Training** is scheduled today immediately following Sunday School in the Worship Arts room (room 114). Anyone working with children/youth must attend this training.

Baby Shower! Join the Youth Group Sponsors in a baby shower for Aaron and Katie Dyck today in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. Bring your favorite baby/childhood book and money for a money tree. There will be cake and snacks provided.

The **Young Adult Potluck Picnic** will take place at Taco Republic (500 County Line Rd, Kansas City, KS 66103) today 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.

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 at either entrance and the online version can be found in the midweek email.

Save the date! Our Christmas Program this year will be on Sunday, December 18th beginning at 6:30pm.

Due to low turn-out at the fall congregational meeting last Sunday, October 16, the vote pertaining to renewing Ruth's pastoral contract was postponed. Therefore, on Sunday, October 30 following worship and before Sunday School, the congregation will be given paper ballots and asked to vote on the following motion: **"Upon recommendation from Rainbow Deacons, RMC Council moves that Pastor Ruth be offered a new three-year contract beginning October 30, 2016."** To request an absentee ballot, please email Church Administrator Ashton Wells (office@rainbowmennonite.org). Please note that this motion has been edited slightly (from five years to three years) in order to comply with our Church Constitution, which states that a "contract for Pastoral services will be negotiated by the deacons upon the decision of the congregation and shall be for three years."

A note from Rainbow Deacons:

Beginning November 27, instead of monthly communion, our communion observance will be as follows: **First Sunday of Advent:** November 27, 2016; **First Sunday of Lent:** March 5, 2017; **Maundy Thursday:** April 13, 2017 (or sometime during Holy Week); **Pentecost Sunday:** June 4, 2017; **World Communion Sunday:** October 1, 2017; **Baptism Sundays** (as scheduled). There is also interest in beginning a monthly Agape meal with communion served during a shared potluck supper. If you have interest in this monthly table sharing/communion gathering, please contact a Deacon or Pastor Ruth.

It is time to add/renew/drop your subscription to **THE MENNONITE**. If you are now receiving the publication and wish to continue, DO NOTHING. If you are not receiving, but wish to be added to the list to receive the publication; OR if you wish to discontinue receiving it, contact Kathy Kaufman

Youth Update: The first ever **Youth Sonic Chat** will take place on Sunday, October 30th following Sunday School. If you are in jr or sr high and would like to chat with Melinda and Renee at Sonic on Southwest Blvd, please plan to meet by the blue couches near the fellowship hall after Sunday School. Sonic drinks will be provided, but bring your own money for food. Parents can plan to pick youth up at Sonic. Please let Renee know if you need a ride home.

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on October 25 will focus on "Beyond Coping with Chronic Illness." Location: West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. Whether you are dealing with a chronic illness yourself or have family or friends who are, this is an opportunity to learn about *Turning Point: the Center for Hope and Healing*. There is no charge. For more information contact Karen Hostetler at karenh@sckck.org or at [913-485-0975](tel:913-485-0975). Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies.

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Attendance.....	152
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4

This Week

Sunday	October 23	Safe Sanctuary Training	11:45 am
		Young Adult Gathering	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
Saturday	October 29	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	October 30	Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:45 am
		Sonic Chat	11:50 am
Tuesday	November 1	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	November 2	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Friday	November 4	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 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 Wesley Room

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.

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.