

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 30, 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 **John Mueller and Mary Redmon**. Our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Amy Ortman, Janelle Schrag and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Immediately following worship TODAY, we will have a brief congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. Members will be asked to vote by paper ballot 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."**

Leave/ Leaf a memory! In preparation for All Saints' Sunday next week, everyone is invited to write a memory or name of a loved one who has died on the leaf found in your bulletin today. Leaves placed in the offering plates today will be added to the Rainbow Remembrance Garden on Sunday, November 6.

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.

We saw a rainbow! Last weekend, about a dozen men from RMC (with a youthful assist from Joel Bollinger and Emory Penner) knocked out a lengthy honey-do list to help us prepare for the Fall. An impressive amount of yard work was completed, along with some miscellaneous chores. Special thanks to Rod Kliever for initiating this effort four years ago and every year since. It is yet one more example of how this community shows up for our family. With deepest gratitude, Erica & Darin Penner

We are **looking for volunteers** to help out at the church on November 8 during the election from 4 pm until the polls close. There may not be a ton of work to do, but it is nice to have people familiar with the church present. If you are interested in helping please email the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org).

It's not too late to fill 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! This year Rainbow's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18th beginning at 6:30 pm followed by a potluck dessert reception.

The Mennonite is a semimonthly publication of Mennonite Church USA that will be delivered to your home address. You can find out more about this publication by checking the website. 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 by **NOVEMBER 6, 2016**. Cost is \$35/year. Please add this to your yearly contributions to Rainbow Mennonite Church.

All mentor pairs are invited for lunch and games in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday school on **Sunday, November 13th**. Baked potatoes will be provided. Please bring a potato topping of your choice and any board or card games you enjoy. This will be a fun, informal fellowship time for mentor pairs to gather with one another! Please communicate with your mentor/mentee and then RSVP to Renee Reimer or Janelle Campbell.

Youth Update: The first ever **Youth Sonic Chat** will take place today 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.

Jr high and sr high Sunday night youth group in November will be a progressive dinner! Several church members have agreed to be surprise hosts for this activity. This month we will be **beginning at 5pm** so we have plenty of time to travel to our different destinations. If you plan to attend this event please arrive to Rainbow **no later than 5pm on Sunday, November 6th**.

Peanut Butter and Bisquick needed! Rainbow will once again help coordinate the food section of the annual Cross-Lines Christmas Store, open to more than 500 individuals the first week of December. In order to buy needed groceries, we welcome financial donations beginning now through mid-November. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church with the designation, "Cross-Lines Christmas Store." As a departure from previous years, we will not be collecting coats and mittens, and instead we are partnering with Rosedale Congregational Church in an effort to collect 500 jars of peanut butter and or containers of Bisquick. If you wish to give in this way, please bring these items to worship on Cross-Lines **Sunday, November 13**. Please contact Annie Jones or Linda Graham if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

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Attendance.....	161
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	November 6	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	November 8	Election Day	7:00 am
		Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	November 9	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 10	Deacons Meeting	5:30 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

This Sunday, October 30th, the **Meditation Practice Sunday School** class will be exploring a contemplative time of song and readings together. This will be done in a group setting on the stage in the sanctuary beginning at 11:00am.

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.