

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 9, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Our greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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: **Eric Jantzen**

Today **we welcome** Rainbow congregant Dave Richardson Spaite to the pulpit! Dave has attending Rainbow for a little over two years after being connected through Freedom School. He has a degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and has done various types of ministry for about 15 years. Dave currently works at Jack Stack Barbecue and is a volunteer chaplain at Research Medical Center.

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

Please pray for Ed Neufeld as his sister passed away. She was also Sandy Wetzel's aunt. The celebration service will be at Silverwood Mennonite Church.

This Sunday during fellowship time, the MVSers (Christina, Michael and Kham) will be sharing some of their favorite **ethnic goodies** from home. Enjoy a plate of Basbousa, egg rolls and kuchen for \$8. Proceeds will help the MVSers cover the cost of their trip to the MVS retreat in Colorado this fall.

Today Pastor Ruth Harder is in Chicago attending the 40th anniversary of Brethren Mennonite Council (BMC) for LGBT Interests. Since 1990, Rainbow has belonged to BMC's Supportive Communities Network, made up of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities who are publically affirming of gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual members. Ruth will return to the office on Tuesday.

The junior high youth will be walking in the **CROP Walk** today. 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! 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 today.

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.

Shape-note concert at Rainbow: Sunday, October 16, 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.

Mark your calendars! Our next quarterly congregational meeting and potluck will be Sunday, October 16.

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. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke at 816 628 9084 or email steve.gail.goeke@gmail.com.

Youth Updates

All junior high youth are invited to walk in the **CROP Walk** today. Lunch will be provided following Sunday school and rides will be given to the start of the walk. 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!

Sr high parents and youth are invited to stay for a brief lunch conversation TODAY with an admission counselor from Bethel College. Bring your questions about college whether they relate to Bethel or not!

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!

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Attendance.....	160
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9

This Week

Sunday	October 9	CROP Walk	12:00 pm
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00 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 and 2:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	October 16	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	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	

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. This week the practice will involve praying with Legos. A table will be set up in the Wesley room with chairs, Legos, and a guided handout.

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.