

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 13, 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 **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller and Liberty Brigman**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

Please pray for Russel Yoder as he receives care at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

Thank you to the many church members who volunteered here at Rainbow on Election Day to help direct traffic and voters. Over 1,600 people voted in our building.

A **Taizé meditation** service will take place in the front of the sanctuary beginning at 11am on Sunday morning. The format will be similar to the Taizé services that have taken place in the past on the first Wednesday evenings of the month. All are welcome to attend this service during the Sunday school hour.

MVS Announcement - Due to a number of coinciding circumstances, the Mennonite Voluntary Service Support Committee/Board in consultation with Church Council and the MVS National Office decided to take a sabbatical year for the 2017-18 placement cycle. We will support our current MVSers through the end of their current terms. No new MVSers will be placed in Kansas City next year. We will use this year to seek new leadership, evaluate the relationship between MVS and Rainbow, and re-energize the MVS Support Committee. MVS Support Committee members, Clyde Coriell, Anna Woelk, Jesse Graber, Maggie Goble, and/or Eric Jantzen will be able after church in the fellowship hall this Sunday to answer further questions.

Youth mentors pairs are invited to a luncheon today **beginning at noon**. Potatoes will be provided, but please bring a potato topping and a game to play with your mentor.

As we look forward to the Advent season the Visual Arts committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare our sanctuary around the Advent theme of "Between the Dark and the Daylight." There will be heavy wreaths to hang, trees to put up, garlands to fluff, and stars for little ones to decorate for the Fellowship Hall tree. We always have fun with this joyful event. Juice and goodies will be provided. As my Grandma Hegle used to say "Many hands make light work!" Hope to see many on **Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 to 11:00am**. -Linda Graham, Visual Arts committee.

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.

Youth Updates

Jr high breakfast will take place on Sunday, November 20th beginning at 8:30am. This breakfast is open to all 6th-8th grade youth. We will meet in the jr high Sunday school room. Breakfast will be provided!

The next sr high lunch discussion will happen on Sunday, November 20th from 11am-12:30pm. This lunch discussion is open to all 9th-12th grade youth. Lunch will be provided!

Stewardship Update

Committees - it's budget time! The development of the 2017 budget begins with your input. Around November 1 you will receive information and a form to provide your budget request. Please plan to meet during November to develop your request and submit it to the Stewardship Committee by December 1. We do want each committee to give significant thought to the budget as we expect increased maintenance and insurance expenses in the upcoming years.

Community Updates

Sunday, November 13, from 12-3 PM some participants in the Rainbows in Rosedale intentional community will be assisting Rosedale Development Association with preparing a community garden for winter. Anyone is welcome to join the work at 748 Seminary Street, KCK. Though not required, volunteers may wish to bring gloves, a shovel & a wheelbarrow. If you have questions, contact Kimberly Hunter at Rainbows.in.Rosedale@gmail.com.

On Thursday, November 17 a small group will be preparing & sharing supper with the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker community in the Historic Northeast neighborhood of Kansas City, MO. If you would like to volunteer contact Kimberly.

The **East Hill Singers** will be presenting Men of Song featuring Robert Ray Gospel Mass on Sunday November 20, 2016 at St Francis de Sales, 900 Ida St, Lansing, KS. An art exhibit will begin at 3 pm, with the concert at 4 pm. It is free and open to the public.

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Attendance.....	156
Visitors (included in attendance count)	7

This Week

Sunday	November 13	Youth Mentor Lunch	12:00 pm
Tuesday	November 15	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Delight Ahead Literacy Fair	4:00 pm
Wednesday	November 16	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 17	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
		Christmas Program Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	November 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
Tuesday	November 22	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Delight Ahead Thanksgiving	4:00 pm
Wednesday	November 23	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 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.

11/06: Flavius Josephus: Witness to 1st Century A.D.

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.

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.