

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 27, 2017

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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's greeters and ushers are **Dave, Janelle, Hannah & Larissa Schrag**. 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. Our nursery workers today are **Melissa Funk, Nick Schroeder and Liberty Brigman**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

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In mid-October, the National World War I Museum in Kansas City will be hosting a three-day symposium called "**Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance, and Civil Liberties in WWI through today.**" Starting this morning and continuing each Sunday leading up to this important event, we will spend time in worship reflecting on the hazards and gifts of using our voices to speak out today against hatred, violence, and injustice. We will consider the questions: What does a Jesus-shaped voice of conscience sound like today? What voices (personally, politically, racially, religiously, etc.) have we prioritized or perhaps muted, and why? And finally, how can we ensure that our speaking is always informed by deep listening?

## **Remembering in Prayer**

Please pray for Betty Bodine who recently received hospital care for diverticulitis. She is currently at the Kansas Transitional Care Center on Rainbow Blvd across from KU Med Center, room 422.

Please keep Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart in your thoughts and prayers as Diane undergoes heart surgery tomorrow, Monday, August 28 at St. Luke's Hospital. If you would like to provide meals for Diane and Aaron over the coming weeks, please contact Carrie Parsons at [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) or call the church office directly.

**Adult education option:** Singing is one way we respond in worship, but it's a skill that not everyone has had the same opportunity to practice. This morning is the third and final class which Rosi will lead on the topic of singing:

### **This morning, August 27: Holding your own**

What is harmony? Why does it seem like everyone is singing something different, but it sounds good together? Why is it a Mennonite tradition?

Dale and Linda Graham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month. In honor of this special occasion, their small group is hosting a reception for them this morning after church during fellowship time. No gifts, but cards are welcome! Come and celebrate!

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered three times this fall: **This morning, August 27th at 10:50am**, September 10th at 10:50am, and September 17th at 8:30am. This training is required for anyone working with children or youth (Sunday School teachers, sponsors, mentors, nursery and worship arts volunteers), church council, and deacons. This training is highly recommended for anyone in the congregation as we all interact with children and youth on a regular basis. The purpose of the training is to become knowledgeable of the recently updated Abuse Prevention policy, discuss different ways to appropriately interact with one another, understand the plans in place to keep everyone safe, and learn the necessary steps to take in the event of an incident.

Staff from Headquarters Counseling Center of Lawrence, KS, will be at Rainbow on Thursday, August 31st at 6:00-8:00 pm to meet with those Rainbow congregants who wish to continue processing and reflecting on the recent death of Lee Beers.

- Anyone from the congregation is welcome to attend, especially those who would like an opportunity to process Lee's year with us, including his recent death. It is our hope that this will be a step toward healing and greater understanding.
- If you would like to attend this session, we ask that you RSVP by 5:00 pm Wednesday, August 30. Contact the church office for a link to the RSVP form. If you feel comfortable, please indicate some of the things/questions you hope will be addressed at this meeting.
- If you would like more information please contact Deacon chair, Amy Kliever, ([akliever.adk@gmail.com](mailto:akliever.adk@gmail.com)) or Counseling Headquarters Director Monica Kurz ([Monica@KansasSuicidePrevention.org](mailto:Monica@KansasSuicidePrevention.org))
- For more information on Headquarters Counseling Center, view their website: <http://www.headquarterscounselingcenter.org/who-we-are/>

We will be assisting Trinity United Methodist Church in serving lunch at the **Willa Gill Food Kitchen**, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, September 1, 10:30am to 1:00pm. If you would like to volunteer that day, sign up during Sunday coffee time, email or call Nancy Bosche'.

Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September, 6. We will gather for a light supper at 6:15, then sing from 6:45-8:00. We ask for a \$5 donation for supper, and take turns cleaning up. If you would like to participate in the choir for the Muted Voices Symposium in particular, please join us starting on September 6 because we have a lot of notes to learn! If child care would make it easier to participate in choir, please talk to Rosi Penner Kaufman.

### **Fall Sunday School**

- Education classes for adults and youth will begin on Sunday, September 10.
- Children Sunday School teachers are **greatly needed** for the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class. Can you commit to 2 Sunday's a month? Do you like to learn? Then what a perfect opportunity this could be for you. The children are wonderful and you could be a part of that! Try it out for the semester and see what amazing things could happen, you even have a curriculum to use! Please email Janelle Campbell if you are interested.

Small group signup begins today and goes until September 10. The Kickoff will be Sunday, September 24 at noon. Pizza will be served. Please put your form in the small group box upstairs or give it to one of the committee members.

Interested in becoming a member at Rainbow? New members will be recognized in worship on Sunday, September 24. If you would like more information about church membership at Rainbow, please contact Ruth at [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

**August 20**

Attendance.....	141
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	10
General Fund .....	\$ 5,469.80
Other Donations .....	\$ 206.46
<b>Offering Totals.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,676.26</b>

**This Week**

Sunday	Aug 27	Graham’s 50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	10:30am
		Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
		Rainbow Guest House Meeting	5:00pm
Monday	Aug 28	Deacon’s Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Aug 29	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Aug 30	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
		MVS Support Board Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	Aug 30	Headquarters Counseling Session	6:00pm
Friday	Sep 1	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am

**Next Week**

Monday	Sep 4	Church Office Closed – Labor Day	
Tuesday	Sep 5	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Sep 6	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Practice	6:45pm
Saturday	Sep 9	High School Youth Retreat	4:00pm