

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 3, 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 are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. Ushers are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores, Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Our Fall worship series, *Voices of Conscience*, is inspired by a traveling exhibit on peacemaking that will premiere at the National WWI Museum in October and then come to Rainbow for the week of October 23-29. See today's insert for more information. Leading up to this important event, we will spend time in worship reflecting what a Jesus-shaped conscience might sound and look like today.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "war to end all wars," the National World War I Museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. "Remembering Muted Voices" is Oct. 19-22 and explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125, with \$99 early bird registration available through Sept. 8.

This Morning's Adult and Youth Education Option:

Labor Day is a tribute to workers. In the effort to promote justice and fair working conditions, there are songs that have become popular rallying-cries, unite the movement, and describe the plight of the workers. Jesse Graber and Steve Goeke will play some of these tunes during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. Be ready to tap your toes and maybe even sing along if the Spirit moves.

Remembering in Prayer

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

Please keep Diane Eickhoff in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from heart surgery. If you would like to provide meals for Diane and Aaron over the coming weeks, please sign up using the link found in the midweek email, contact Carrie Parsons at office@rainbowmennonite.org, or call the church office directly.

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.

As part of our year-long **Goal Setting Process**, Church Council would like to invite input from the congregation as we work to discern long-term goals for the church. With input from Rainbow committees and staff, Council has prepared a survey for the wider congregation.

- Church Council will hold a special meeting in mid-September to review the survey responses, so we ask that you complete and submit the survey by **Friday, September 8**.
- Paper copies can be found in the east and west foyers. Completed surveys can be placed in the church office mailbox. You can also find the survey on the church website under the password protected Congregation Login.

Small group signups will continue until September 10. The Kickoff will be Sunday, September 24 at noon. Pizza will be served. Forms are located in the east and west foyers off of the sanctuary. Please put your completed form in the small group box upstairs or give it to one of the committee members.

Fall Sunday School

New Adult Education classes begin on Sunday, September 10. Please find copies of the class descriptions in the east and west foyers.

Children Sunday School teachers are **greatly needed** for the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class. Can you commit to two Sunday's a month? Do you like to learn? Then what a perfect opportunity this could be for you. Seriously, 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.

Children and youth in grades preschool to 12th grade will begin Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th. Worship Arts will also begin on Sunday, September 10th for Kindergarten - 5th grade students. During the Sunday School hour children and youth will have a featured discussion about *Safe Boundaries* that will be led by school teachers, social workers, and medical persons from within the congregation. Regular SS classes will resume on Sunday, September 17th.

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered two more times this fall: 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.

SAVE THE DATE, Sept 16, for a Whitmore playground workday starting at 8 am. We will be spreading wood chips, doing general cleanup, and probably raking some leaves.

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

The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to deliver BackSnacks this school year to Noble Prentis. Deliveries would need to happen during the school day and usually at the end of every week. There is also one spot available to fill BackSnacks once a month. If you are interested in delivering BackSnacks one week a month or helping to fill BackSnacks please email Terry Rouse.

Youth Updates

Youth and Parents are invited to attend a kick-off lunch on Sunday, September 17th. This lunch is for youth in grades 6th-12th and parents to learn about the trips happening this year, who the sponsors are, and what to expect as a youth at Rainbow Mennonite Church. It's going to be a GREAT time - and there will be food!

Mennonite Church

Responding to aftermath of Hurricane Harvey: Please pray for Western District Conference's 14 congregations and church plants in Texas, particularly for those most impacted by flooding in the Houston area. Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer is keeping in contact with WDC pastors and with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), as we continue to assess how WDC can best offer support. MDS is accepting financial donations for hurricane response at <https://www.mds.mennonite.net>

August 27

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| Attendance..... | 142 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 4 |
| General Fund..... | \$ 7,779.00 |
| Other Donations | \$ 160.30 |
| Offering Totals..... | \$ 7,939.30 |

This Week

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| Monday | Sep 4 | Church Office Closed for 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 |

Next Week

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| Monday | Sep 11 | Church Council Goal-Setting Retreat | 6:00pm |
| Tuesday | Sep 12 | Staff Meeting | 1:30pm |
| Wednesday | Sept 13 | Women's Luncheon | 11:00am |
| | | Choir Dinner | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Practice | 6:45pm |
| Thursday | Sep 14 | Trustee's Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Saturday | Sep 16 | Whitmore Playground Work Day | 8:00am |