

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 10, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship. 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 **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. Ushers are **David Becker and John Mueller**. 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 **Kendric Beachey, Janelle and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

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## 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](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org), or call the church office directly.

*We consider ourselves truly blessed to have Rainbow Mennonite in our lives at this time of intense grief and loss. In the weeks since Quinn died, we have felt and gratefully received your love, kindness, prayers, and support. We were touched by the many people who helped with Quinn's service, and grateful for Ruth's gentle guidance as we thought through how best to honor his life. It's hard to imagine how we could have done that without a community as welcoming and loving as Rainbow. Thank you. With much love, Mark, Anne, Noah, and Casi.*

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **This Morning’s Adult and Youth Education**

New Adult Education classes begin this morning. Please find copies of the class descriptions in the east and west foyers.

Children and youth in grades preschool to 12th grade will begin Sunday School this morning. Worship Arts will also begin this morning 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 this morning, 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.

Today is the last day to sign up for **Small groups**. 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.

Whitmore Playground workday will be Saturday, September 16, starting at 8 am. We will be spreading wood chips, doing general cleanup, and 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](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

SAVE THE DATE, Next Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 1, 2017 following a noon potluck meal.

### **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!

### **Staff Updates**

Ruth will be out of town next weekend (Friday, Sept 15-Monday, Sept 18). Ruth is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual women's gathering at Swan Lake Christian Camp in South Dakota.

### **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>

### **September 3**

Attendance.....	106
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	10
General Fund.....	\$ 4,347.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 376.65
<b>Offering Totals.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,723.65</b>

### **This Week**

Monday	Sep 11	Church Council Goal-Setting Retreat	6:00pm
Tuesday	Sep 12	Staff Meeting	1:00pm

Wednesday	Sept 13	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Unified Government Meeting	4:00pm
		RPAC Meeting	5:00pm
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Practice	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 14	Unified Government Meeting	9:00am
		Unified Government Public Meeting	5:00pm
		Trustee's Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Sep 16	Whitmore Playground Work Day	8:00am
<b>Next Week</b>			
Sunday	Sep 17	Safe Sanctuary Training	8:30am
		Playground Committee Meeting	10:50am
		Youth Group Welcome Lunch	12:00pm
		Youth Group Sponsor Meeting	1:00pm
Monday	Sep 18	Quilters Comfort Group	9:00am
Tuesday	Sep 19	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Sep 20	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Practice	6:45pm
Friday	Sep 22	Wedding Rehearsal	5:30pm
Saturday	Sep 23	Wedding	2:00pm
		Jr. High Retreat	4:00pm

### **Fall Adult Education Options**

*The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way* by Brian McLaren

Facilitator: Leroy Seat

Sunflower Room

*Return to Northkill* by Ervin R. Stutzman

Facilitator: Clif Hostetler

Room #111

*The Wired Word*

Facilitator: June Seat

Library

*Finding Gratitude-Reflection on Sunday Sermons\**

Facilitators: David and Diane Richardson Spaite    Roasterie at Rainbow and 47th St.

\* We plan to meet at 11:00 am (during SS hour) on 4 Sundays: Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 and will offer rides each Sunday.