

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 1, 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 **George Melby and Sammy Stayton**. Ushers are **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. 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 and is available to children through age 4.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Today is World Communion Sunday, a day for international, ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. This tradition solidified in 1940, when the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor to National Council of Churches) endorsed the first Sunday in October as World Communion Sunday and began promoting it to Christian churches worldwide. Thank you to those who provided international breads and snacks for us to enjoy today during our noon potluck!

Join us for a congregational potluck lunch today at noon, followed by a congregational meeting at 1:00pm. During the meeting Jonathan Bollinger and Jesse Graber will lead a supervised activity with the children in the Wesley Room.

Lost and Found Collection Table: The lost and found drawer in the copy room is overflowing! Please take a look at the lost and found table set up in the fellowship hall this morning and claim your lost goods before they head to the thrift store.

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. Leading up to this important event, we will spend time in worship reflecting on what a Jesus-shaped conscience might sound and look like today.

Thank you...

Sherie and I wish to express our sincere appreciation for all of your support following my recent surgery. The visits, phone calls, flowers and cards, as well as your thoughts and prayers, leave us feeling surrounded by love and support. I am recovering quite well, thank you, and hope to be as good as new soon. – Ed and Sherie Neufeld

Sunday School Offering

Children and youth Sunday School offertory will have a special designation for this fall. In response to the recent storms over the past few weeks, the Faith Formation Board has designated all money (or items) that come in through children/youth Sunday School classes by November 12th to go toward creating Hygiene Kits for storm victims. Money brought in will be used to purchase the following:

- adult-size toothbrush (leave in packaging)
- large bar of bath soap (leave in packaging)
- fingernail clipper
- hand towel (dark colors)

Feel free to bring in money or items to your Sunday School class and we will see how many kits we can put together by November 12th!

Haircutting Fund-Razor: Is your hair getting a bit shaggy, out of control, or just boring? We have a solution for you! Sign up for an exceptional (albeit nonprofessional) haircut on October 7 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will go to the Deacons' fund. This is not a drop-in event. Please sign up for an appointment. Reservations must be made by today. If not enough reservations are made, the event will be cancelled. In that event, we will contact people who have already signed up. If you are interested, please contact Natasha VanDyke.

The Jr High youth will be walking in the annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 8th. Anyone from Rainbow is welcome to walk with us or donate financially to our group. Please go to www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo and request **TEAM Rainbow** when you sign up to walk or donate. Checks and cash will also be accepted on Sunday, October 8th during the fellowship hour. Join us in working towards ending hunger and poverty in our community!

Good News Church, one of our neighborhood churches will be hosting a health fair in Whitmore Playground from 11AM to 3PM October 14. They will have free health screenings and flu shots available. There will also be free hot dogs and hair cuts. They would like to have our restrooms available and we are looking for volunteers to keep an eye on the building even if for just an hour. If you are able to help out contact Terry Rouse at maintenance@rainbowmennonite.org

Drew Hart will be speaking at Rainbow on Oct 22. Drew is well known theologian, blogger and activist. He is the author of Trouble I've Seen in which he exposes and confronts the racism in our culture and our churches. In preparation for that day, the Worship Committee will hold a one-evening study session of his book. That session is scheduled for October 17 at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. We encourage everyone to read the book and come prepared to engage in a discussion led by David Richardson-Spaite and Lonnie Buerge. The book is available on Amazon in both Kindle and printed editions.

Youth Updates

The first jr/sr high youth group gathering of the school year will be this evening from 6-8pm. This event will include a field trip adventure for part of the time. Meet in the fellowship hall and plan to eat a snack before you come as we will not eat right at 6pm.

Jr high youth planning to walk in the CROP walk on Sunday, October 8th will need to register online. Jr high youth and sponsors will gather for a meal after church before they head over to the walk together. Parents, plan to pick youth up at Central United Methodist Church ([5144 Oak St. Kansas City, MO](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/Team/View/49144/TEAM-Rainbow)) at the end of the walk. <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/Team/View/49144/TEAM-Rainbow>

Bethel College is hosting their 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium on November 17 and 18. This year's symposium theme is Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the mystery of faith. "Art expresses the soul. Art shapes the soul's experience with mystery and the freedom of possibility." Join actors, visual artists, theologians and musicians in experiencing the expressive power of the arts to season the soul, giving it vigor and vitality. Ted Swartz and company will be performing *Slightly Left of Normal* Friday evening (included in the registration fee) and various speakers will provide plenary sessions on Saturday. Rosi Kaufman and Renee Reimer plan to attend and we can get a discounted registration fee of \$25 each (Saturday lunch and supper included) if at least one more person is interested in attending. Please let Renee know if you would like to join in on this weekend of fun in good ol' North Newton!

September 24

Attendance	158
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	9
General Fund	\$ 8,557.50
Other Donations.....	\$ 384.55
Offering Total	\$ 8,942.05

This Week

Sunday	Oct 1	Congregational Potluck	12:00pm
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		Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 3	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 4	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Oct 5	Archive Meeting	10:00am
		Christmas Program Meeting	2:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Oct 8	CROP Walk	12:00pm
		Rainbow Guest House Meeting	5:00pm
Monday	Oct 9	Quilter's Comfort Group	9:00am
Tuesday	Oct 10	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Oct 11	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Oct 12	RDA Food Preparation Workshop	6:00pm
		Trustee's Meeting	7:00pm
		Fire This Time Google Hangout	7:00pm
Saturday	Oct 14	Health Fair at Whitmore Playground	11:00am

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) Oct.1 and Oct. 8 and will offer rides each of these Sundays.