

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 8, 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 **John and Pat Bertsche**. Ushers are **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg, Carrie Parsons and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Voices of Conscience

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.

As part of Rainbow's participation in the Muted Voices Symposium, 22 members of the Rainbow Choir are joining with 60 voices from UMKC choirs to perform *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughn-Williams. The performance will be directed by Dr. Robert Bode, Director of Choral Activities at UMKC, and accompanied by piano and string ensemble. This is a major work based on texts from the Hebrew Bible and poetry by Walt Whitman, written as a critique of the violence of war.*

*If you would like to hear the choirs, we've been told that guests may attend the dress rehearsal if you are not registered for the Symposium. Arrive at the WWI Museum at 5:20 on October 19, and tell the usher you are there to listen to the dress rehearsal. We will rehearse for about an hour. Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman at music@rainbowmennonite.org if you have more questions.

Over the next few weeks, we have several special speakers lined up to preach on our fall worship theme, *Voices of Conscience*.

October 15: Rainbow congregant, Aaron Barnhart, will share about the formation of the Civilian Public Service program that placed WWII conscientious objectors in alternative service.

October 22: Dr. Drew Hart is a professor at Messiah College and well known theologian, blogger, activist, and author of [Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism](#), a book that utilizes everyday stories, Jesus-shaped theological ethics, and anti-racism frameworks in hopes of transforming the church's understanding and witness in society.

*Note that the RMC Worship Committee will hold a one-evening study session of this book on October 17 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. The book is available through Amazon in both Kindle and printed editions.

October 29: Dr. James Juhnke, Professor Emeritus of History, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. Dr. Juhnke is currently part of the collaborative team of historians and museum professionals developing the traveling exhibit "Voices of Conscience" at Kauffman Museum.

November 5: Leroy Barber, co-founder of The Voices Project, is known for his work of undoing racism, and has recently taken a lead in the NFL Kneelown initiative, designed to call attention to the way Colin Kapernick has been blackballed as a result of protesting violence against black people.

Today at Rainbow...

The Jr High youth will be walking in the annual CROP Hunger Walk this afternoon at 2:00pm. 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. You may also register in person beginning at 1:00pm today. Checks and cash will also be accepted this morning during the fellowship hour. Join us in working towards ending hunger and poverty in our community!

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.

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)

Youth Updates

Jr high youth, save the date for the first jr high breakfast of the school year on Sunday, October 15th beginning at 8:30am. Food and fellowship will happen in the jr high Sunday school room.

Joshua Chittum and Tina Histan will be leading the first round of sr high lunches on Sunday, October 15th from 11am-12:30pm. Bring your ideas for the year ahead and prepare to discuss more about our voices of conscience together.

Please mark your calendars for a Mentor/Mentee lunch on Sunday, October 22 at noon in the fellowship hall.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be in Berkeley, CA October 9-16, where she will spend the week reading and writing and enjoying the hospitality of Kristin Stoneking and Elizabeth Campi, and their two children. During this time, Laura Schmidt will be on call.

Renee Reimer will be out of the office October 10-14 for a Healthy Boundaries Training put on by Western District Conference and Bethel College's Fall Fest in North Newton, KS.

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Attendance.....	155
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3
General Fund	\$ 7,297.01
Other Donations	\$ 359.35
Offering Total	\$ 7,656.36

This Week

Sunday	Oct 8	Jr High CROP Walk Lunch	12:00pm
		CROP Walk	2:00pm
		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

Next Week

Sunday	Oct 15	Jr High Breakfast	7:30am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	12:00pm
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:50am
Tuesday	Oct 17	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		<i>Trouble I've Seen</i> Study Session	7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 18	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
	Oct 19	Remembering Muted Voices begins at WWI Museum	

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 Spaitte Roasterie at Rainbow and 47th St.

* No Meeting Planned for Today