

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 15, 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 **Laura Schmidt and Becca Classen**. Ushers are **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. 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 **Janelle Schrag, Elizabeth Stamper and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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## Remembering in Prayer

Please remember Mark Unruh in prayer as he spent several days in the hospital this past week to treat a bacterial infection that manifested itself in his lower leg. He responded well to inter-venous antibiotics and is now home.

*Thanks for the cards, flowers from the garden, and words of encouragement that followed my open heart surgery at St. Luke's. I've decided that getting "take-in" food is the best thing about recovery. It wasn't just about the wide variety of delicious food that was brought to our home, but about not having to think about that aspect of life for a month and about having so many cheerful people stop by to wish us well. I am deep in cardiac rehab and recovering nicely! ~ Diane Eickhoff*

## 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.

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

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**This morning:** 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 Kaepernick has been blackballed as a result of protesting violence against black people.

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](mailto:music@rainbowmennonite.org) if you have more questions.

We're trying to get the word out about the *Voices of Conscience* traveling exhibit at Rainbow Oct. 24-29. If you're a social media user, please consider sharing the event on your social media channels over the next two weeks. You can link to the event on Rainbow's Facebook page or through the *Voices of Conscience* logo at the top of our church website homepage ([www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org)). If you're old school and want some brochures to give to people, we've got those, too, available in the church office.

This morning is the final Sunday for the Lost and Found Collection Table. Please take a look at the table set up in the fellowship hall and claim your lost goods before they head to the thrift store.

What's SUP? We will be "Sewing Up Projects" in the fellowship hall Monday, Oct. 16 at 9:00 a.m. We will be sewing comforters for Mennonite Central Committee and making bags for toiletries for Hurricane victims. Please join in for a great time "in stitches."

Please mark your calendars for a Mentor/Mentee lunch on Sunday, October 22 at noon in the fellowship hall. The Faith Formation Board will be providing baked potatoes and games, please bring your favorite bake potato topping with your mentor/mentee!

Mike Peters will be the presenter at the Next Chapter KC forum on Tuesday, October 24 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd Street, KCKS. He will speak on the topic of "Can People Make Real Change After Middle Age." If interested, speak to Karen Hostetler.

### **Youth Updates**

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

### **Staff Updates**

Pastor Ruth has been in Berkeley, CA since October 9 and will return to the office Tuesday, October 17. She has spent the week reading and writing and enjoying the hospitality of Kristin Stoneking and Elizabeth Campi, and their two children. Laura Schmidt remains on call through Monday and can be reached at 816-898-0038.

### **October 8**

Attendance.....	147
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	10
General Fund .....	\$ 8,108.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 1,413.25
<b>Offering Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,521.25</b>

**This Week**

Sunday	Oct 15	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	11:00pm
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
Monday	Oct 16	Quilters “Sewing Up Project”	9:00am
		SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Oct 17	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		<i>Trouble I’ve Seen</i> Study Session	7:00pm
	Oct 19	Remembering Muted Voices begins at WWI Museum	

**Next Week**

Sunday	Oct 22	Be the Church Garden Work Day	11:00am
		Youth Mentor / Mentee Lunch	12:00pm
		MVS Support Board Meeting	7:00pm
Monday	Oct 23	Voices of Conscience Volunteer Training	6:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 24	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit	4:00pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday	Oct 25	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
		Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit	4:00pm
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal – Dona Nobis	6:45pm
Thursday	Oct 26	SPARK Church Tour	10:00am
		Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit	4:00pm
		Deacons’ Meeting	5:30pm
Friday	Oct 27	Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit	11:00am
Saturday	Oct 28	Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit	10:00am
		Sr High Service Project	1:00pm
		Healthy Halloween	2:00pm

**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