

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 22, 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 and ushers are **Dave, Janelle, Hannah and Larissa Schrag**. 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 Flores, Gilberto Flores and Joel Bollinger.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Remembering in Prayer

We extend well wishes and blessings to **Bruce Rushing and Haley Long** who were married yesterday, October 21!

We extend condolences and prayers to the **Wetzel family** as Bruce's father, Conrad, passed away October 17.

This Morning at Rainbow

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.

During the Sunday School hour, in the sanctuary, all are welcome to a space of reflection and inquiry regarding Drew Hart's morning message. Drew will be present during this time. Some guiding questions will help get us started, but this will mostly be an informal and organic conversation. Information about efforts to organize the congregation to address racial injustice will also be shared by a representative from the Fire This Time Sunday School class.

*Please note our regularly scheduled adult Sunday School classes will not meet this morning.

Announcements

Rainbow is fortunate to have guests from out of town lined up to preach this morning and the next two Sundays. To make the most of our time together, the Worship Committee requests the following: If you have an announcement or would like to highlight something, please write it down and give it to the worship leader prior to the worship service. The worship leader will read these announcements all at once, as opposed to passing the microphone during a separate time of announcements. Thank you.

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). If you're old school and want some brochures to give to people, we've got those, too, available in the church office.

An additional safe sanctuary training will be offered to those working with children or youth on Sunday, October 29th beginning at 10:50am. This is a mandatory training for volunteers who work with children or youth but is open for anyone to attend.

Has your interest been sparked by the recent worship series and Muted Voices symposium about what it takes to declare Conscientious Objector status? Save the date for Sunday, November 5th from 6-8pm for a multi-age opportunity to learn more about this process and spend time working on the CO paperwork together. This is for all ages AND it's a POTLUCK! Contact Pastor Ruth or Renee Reimer with any questions.

The Angstrom Brass, a quintet including Rainbow's Christian Buller and Andy Toews, will be presenting a concert at our church on Saturday, November 18, at 7:30 PM. This is the evening before our 60th anniversary service. Details will follow in the coming weeks. You won't want to miss this, so mark your calendars now!

Youth Updates

Sr high youth have the opportunity to volunteer at Healthy Halloween on Saturday, October 28th from 1-5:30pm. We are in charge of the snack booth again! Feel free to wear a costume (or not) and please RSVP to Renee if you plan to attend. Fun opportunity to get those volunteer hours!

All jr and sr high youth are invited to a Sonic Chat on **Sunday, October 29th from 12-1pm. Please pack a sandwich** as we will not be traveling to Sonic, but will have drinks delivered so we can learn about and "visit" the *Voices of Conscience Exhibit* in the fellowship hall.

Community News

A group from Second Presbyterian Church in Brookside will be volunteering in the Rainbow Community Garden today from 11:30am-2:30pm. Their *Be the Church* event includes sending out volunteers all around the city to serve and fellowship with the community. Thank you for spending some time closing down the garden for the winter months!

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" There is no charge. You may also speak with Karen Hostetler with questions. Next Chapter KC is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas. Our church is a sponsoring congregation of the Shepherd's Center.

At 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 24, the Rainbows in Rosedale Intentional Community will host a neighborhood potluck picnic at the South Early Street Garden to celebrate the close of the growing season. A bonfire with s'mores may follow across the street at the Rainbow Guest House. All are welcome to participate. As able, please bring a lawnchair and dish to share. For more information, message Rainbows.in.Rosedale@gmail.com.

Join Rosedale Development Association on Saturday, October 28th, from 2-5 p.m., in Whitmore Playground to celebrate the 8th annual Healthy Halloween with friends and Rosedale neighbors. The event is candy-free, but you can enjoy popcorn from Strasser's Hardware, local apples, trail mix and more. Activities for the young at heart will include ghostly sack races, pumpkin decorating, face painting, bean bag toss, disc golf, basketball, a playground, a spooky bounce house and a costume closet photo booth!

There are two ways to reach out to our community and world at World's Window in Brookside! Buy \$8 fun, whimsical socks with 100% going to hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico through Mennonite Disaster Service. Great stocking stuffers! When they're gone, they're gone. Donate new or *gently-worn* women's and children's coats and sweaters for Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence shelter in KCMO. Donations accepted through November 6. Contact Jan Buerge for questions or more information.

October 15

Attendance	136
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	4
General Fund	\$ 3,299.00
Other Donations.....	\$ 488.00
Offering Total	\$ 3,787.00

This Week

Sunday	Oct 22	Be the Church Garden Work Day	11:30am
		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	6:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 25	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit	4:00pm
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Oct 26	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 at Whitmore Playground	2:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Oct 29	Youth Sonic Chat	11:50am
Monday	Oct 30	Exhibit Tear Down all day in Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday	Oct 31	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Nov 1	Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm