

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 29, 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 **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Ushers are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. 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 **Stan Buller, Carol Buller and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Remembering in Prayer

We offer condolences to Maggie Goble as her mother, Rosanne Siemens from Topeka, passed away suddenly on October 21. A service will be held at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka, KS this afternoon at 3:00pm.

Congratulations to Grant and Erin Zehner on the birth of their son, Rowan Arthur Zehner born October 19 weighing 8lbs 3oz and 19.5" long. We celebrate with proud grandparents, Todd and Claire Zehner.

This Morning at Rainbow

This morning Dr. James Juhnke will be our preacher. Jim was a history professor at Bethel College from 1966-2002. He also worked overseas in Germany, Botswana and China. He has written books on American peace history and Mennonite denominational history. Most recently, Jim served as the key historical consultant for the *Voices of Conscience* traveling exhibit that was hosted during this past week by Rainbow.

An additional safe sanctuary training will be held in the Wesley Room this morning at 10:50am for those working with children or youth. This is a mandatory training for volunteers who work with children or youth but is open for anyone to attend.

Announcements

From the Rainbow Choir: *Thank you, Rosi Penner Kaufman, for the opportunity of singing Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem" with the UMKC choirs and orchestra at the WWI Memorial. It was an ethereal experience which we will carry with us always.*

Rainbow is fortunate to have guests from out of town lined up to preach this morning and the next Sunday. 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.

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGE -- In an ongoing effort to use our volunteers wisely, the Faith Formation Board is eliminating the "Bell Ringer" position. Parents of younger children -- please remember that Sunday School ends at 11:40 and children need to be picked up from their classrooms at that time.

Attention Committees: 2018 budget preparation will start soon. Look for a communication from a member of the Stewardship Committee in the first week of November with details on what your committee will need to provide. Plan to meet during November to discuss your committee's budget request for 2018. Budget requests will be due back by December 1.

The Fire This Time group would like to hear feedback about a potential 2018 church retreat on the topic of racial identity and racial justice. We are inviting Rainbow members and friends to complete a very short survey before Friday, November 3rd. There are only 3 questions! See the October 25 midweek email for the survey link or contact the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org.

Save the Dates!

The next Men's Bunch Lunch will be Wednesday, November 1 at Lemongrass Thai Cuisine, [7316 W 80th St, Overland Park, KS 66204](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7316+W+80th+St,+Overland+Park,+KS+66204) beginning at 11:00am. Our special guest will be Rakmi Shaiza who came from India to study at Central Baptist Seminary. She has since founded "Stitching Change" to serve refugees from Burma whom she met through Catholic Charities in KCK. Rakmi will show us some of the items that the women have sewn and share the story of how she conceived this group and developed the connections and support to start and maintain this organization For more info, contact Phil Rhoads.

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!

Save the date for the Christmas Program, *O Come ALL Ye Faithful*, on **Sunday, December 10 beginning at 4:00pm**. This year the program will be a collaborated work with children, youth, and adults. Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour November 19th, 26th, December 3rd, and 10th. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman if you would like to offer any special music as a prelude to the Christmas program. This opportunity is open for all ages to participate and attend!

Community News

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 at jan@worldswindowkc.com for questions or more information.

Mennonite Mission Network / Mennonite Voluntary Service

Mennonite Voluntary Service recently opened a new MVS unit in Puerto Rico where MVSers have been placed at a Mennonite School called Academia Menonita Betania. Unfortunately, this school recently sustained significant damage in Hurricane Maria. Mennonite Mission Network is trying to raise \$100,000 to help with the extensive rebuilding that is needed. Please consider contributing to this cause by donating through Mennonite Mission Network's website.

October 22

Attendance	175
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	12
General Fund	\$ 2,839.00
Other Donations.....	\$ 126.75
Online Giving for September 2017	\$ 3,343.70
Offering Total (Oct 22 and September Online Giving)	\$ 6,309.45

This Week

Sunday	Oct 29	VOC Traveling Exhibit	9:00am
		Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
		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	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Men's Lunch Bunch	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Next Week

Sunday	Nov 5	Conscientious Objector Discussion and Potluck	6:00am
		Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday	Nov 7	Election Day	
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 8	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 9	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
		Trustees' Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Nov 11	Sr High Lockin	6:00pm