

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 31, 2014

Good Morning! Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. 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.

Our ushers are **Todd and Claire Zehner**; our greeters are **Jake and Bonnie Beachey**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if have questions about the location of Sunday School rooms or the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Janelle Schrag, Eric Jantzen, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

Let us join in **expressing sympathy** to those at Rainbow who have had family members die this week:

Kenton and Holly Kaufman as Kenton's mother Virginia Ortman Kaufman died on August 25. Virginia was also the aunt of Tanya and Amy Ortman. Services were held yesterday in South Dakota.

Dick and Brenda Tatro's son Michael Todd McCann died after collapsing suddenly on August 26. Services were held yesterday in Wichita, KS.

I will be holding **Safe Sanctuary** training sessions for all volunteers working with children and youth following Sunday School **TODAY** and September 7 in Room 114. Under our Safe Sanctuary policy, all volunteers working with youth (e.g. Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, youth sponsors, youth mentors, etc.) are required to take this training. The sessions are 30 minutes. You also will be asked to complete a Participation Covenant form for this coming year and, if you don't have one on file, a Volunteer Application form. If you will be working with children or youth this coming year, please plan to attend one of the training sessions. Parents of children and youth also are encouraged to review the policy. Mary Redmon, Past Moderator

Time to make our voices heard! Each person at Rainbow, 9th grade and older, is invited to complete a 20 question survey just issued by Western District Conference. The survey pertains to Mennonite statements on biblical interpretation and same-sex relationships. The deadline to fill out the survey is **TODAY**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>

Rainbow is helping serve at **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** on Friday, September 5 from 10:30am-1:00pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

The **Young Adult Group** will be gathering for a Potluck at Loose Park on Sunday, September 7th @ 5pm. Our exact location within the park is yet to be determined, but will be advertised on our groups Facebook page close to the date of the event. Bring a dish to share, a picnic blanket if you have one and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions feel free to email Josh Chittum.

Mark your calendars - **Hot Dogs in the Park** will be on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 6:00-7:30pm. The Outreach Committee invites you to gather with residents from the Rosedale neighborhood for a barbeque and potluck in Whitmore Park. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our neighbors! Bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share. We're looking for volunteers to help with the set up (starting at 5:00pm) and clean up (7:30-8:30pm). To sign-up, contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Come one, come all to the annual **Mennonite Voluntary Service Open House on September 14th** following Sunday school. Enjoy veggie burgers and hotdogs while you get to know this year's crew of volunteers! Walk up to 2303 S Early St and join in the fun. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Tableware, drinks, and of course the hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided. Lawn chairs optional. Contact Tanya Ortman with any questions.

It's time to **update the church directory!** Please check and update your information on the printed directories in the Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour. A current directory can also be found at www.rainbowmennonite.org under the congregation login, so feel free to check online and email Ashton at office@rainbowmennonite.org if there are any changes. If your contact information is not listed, please add it in the blank sheets at the back of the paper copies or email Ashton.

Put it on your calendar! The Rainbow Retreat is September 20-21. We will begin at 11:00 am with a potluck picnic in the park, then spend the afternoon in a variety of activities led by Paul Rudy and Lana Marie Haas. After recreation late in the afternoon, we'll share supper and an early evening activity, concluding around 8:30 pm. The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:30, followed by lunch catered by Deco Catering, then a wrap-up session finishing at 2:30. The theme for the retreat is *“Become like children and enter the Kingdom (Matthew 18:3): Making a joyful noise through playing with sound”!* The cost is \$10/person, with a maximum of \$25/family. This is an amazing opportunity to connect with people of all ages in our church and exercise your creative muscles. Register at <http://rainbowmennonite.org/worship/worship-arts/> or by filling out the form on the brochure and returning it to the retreat mailbox found on the bottom right of the church mailboxes in the education wing.

The 2014-2015 Sunday School term is just around the corner. Children's and adult classes will begin on September 7. **Teachers are needed** for preschool, K-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade. Serving as a Sunday School teacher is a great way to "give back" to the church. Recruit a friend or spouse, and teach as a team. No experience necessary; you simply need to be willing to learn along with the kids. Curriculum and supplies provided. Questions? Contact the Youth Education Committee: David Schrag, LeeAnn Duncan, or Emma Janzen.

Do you have interest in participating in the **Harvesters’ BackSnack program**? This program provides food to hungry children for the weekend. Our church plans to participate again and has some volunteer openings. As a community partner, we are responsible for filling and delivering 85 bags of food for children at Noble Prentis, a local elementary school. Volunteers are needed to unload boxes, fill bags with food or deliver them to the school. Persons sign-up to be responsible for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Friday of every month. Please let me know if you have any interest or questions about this. –Rachel Hostetler (rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org)

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Attendance.....	134
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5

This Week

Tuesday	September 2	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 3	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
Friday	September 5	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am

Next Week

Wednesday	September 10	Deacons Meeting	4:30 pm
Saturday	September 13	Hot Dogs in the Park	6:00 pm

Fall Adult Education classes will resume next Sunday September 7. Look for flyers in the east and west foyers for more information.