

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 7, 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 **LeeAnn Duncan and Mitch Kaufman**; our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Cynthia Kaufman and Jan Good-Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Thank you for the plant, cards, condolences, and prayers at the passing of our son Todd. We feel blessed to be a part of this congregation. ~Dick and Brenda Tatro

I will be holding **Safe Sanctuary** training sessions for all volunteers working with children and youth following Sunday School **TODAY** in the Wesley Room. 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

The **Young Adult Group** will be gathering for a Potluck at Loose Park on Sunday, **TONIGHT @ 5pm**. We will be southeast of the tennis courts. Park on Summit St. 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.

To **kick off our choir season** this year, Duane Graber has invited anyone interested in joining the choir to gather for a potluck at his home at 11149 Cernech Rd., Kansas City, KS. We'll meet at 6:15 on Wednesday, September 17 to share a meal and fellowship, then gather 'round the piano to read through some tunes. No auditions necessary, just please come and bring your voice. Contact [Rosi Penner Kaufman](#) for more details.

The **Rainbow church retreat** is back this year, and is shaping up to be a fun and meaningful experience. The WorshipArts grant has made it possible to invite Paul Rudy, internationally awarded composer, and Lana Marie Haas, a local musician and educator, for our retreat input. There will be something for all ages, and plenty of time for recreation and fellowship as well as some activities directed by Paul and Lana. More specifics are in the retreat brochures available at the door or on the church webpage. Reservations are strongly encouraged (by **Monday, September 15**) so that we know how many to plan for for the catered lunch on Sunday. You can register by turning in the form or by going to the WorshipArts page on the website (www.rainbowmennonite.org/worship/worship-arts). Talk to Joshua Smith for more information.

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 on Sunday.

All Junior Highers are invited to a **lock-in** Saturday September 20th. You are welcome to start coming at 5:00pm on Saturday to join in on some of the retreat activities. 5:00pm will be free time, supper will be at 6:00pm, followed by games at 7:00pm. More junior high activities will continue throughout the rest of the night. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendar! The mentor and mentee **potato lunch** has been moved to Sunday October 5th following Sunday School. Mentors and their mentees are invited to bring a favorite potato topping and game to play.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board will be meeting in Kansas City September 24-26. Several board members, including Elizabeth Soto Albrecht (moderator of MCUSA) and Isaac Villegas, will be worshipping with us at Rainbow on September 26. Elizabeth and Isaac have both agreed to stay for the Adult Education hour to answer questions and discuss current state of MCUSA. Please plan to come! You can see the full slate of board members at the following website: <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/about-us/denominational-organization/executive-board-members/>

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Attendance.....	114
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

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

Next Week

Sunday	September 14	MVS Open House	11:45 am
Wednesday	September 17	First Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm
Saturday	September 20	All Church Retreat	11:00 am
		Junior High Lock-In	5:00 pm

Fall Adult Education Classes

***Falling Upward*.....Wesley Room**

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life is written by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest. His book focuses on “contemplation” and quietness.” Participants will share ideas and experiences together and will take time to practice being still.

***How Jesus Became God*..... Room 110**

This class views lectures on DVDs that explain Christian history, texts, and traditions that allowed an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state to become thought of as equal and one with God. The lecturer is Bart Ehrman, Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

***The Tao of Inner Peace*.....Sunflower Room**

This class will explore the philosophy known in the West as Daoism, a philosophy which has helped millions of people to seek the path to peace within themselves, with each other, and with the natural world around them. This class will focus on those aspects of Daoism which echo some prominent themes within Anabaptism such as pacifism, simple living, and respect for our natural environment, with integration of meditation and personal sharing.

***The Wired Word*.....Library**

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. Each Thursday, lessons are emailed to the facilitators with the scriptural texts and questions for discussion. Lesson materials will be emailed each week. This week's lesson is “In Manila, many of the poor live in cemeteries.”