

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 14, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Jonathan Bollinger**; our greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Caitlin Linscheid, Emma Janzen, and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

Marjorie Jantz passed away on Friday morning. Please keep Keith and Rebecca Jantz in your prayers as they grieve the passing of Keith's mother. More information about services will come in the following weeks.

Please also pray for:

- Joelle Jantzen as she travels to France for her father's funeral service. Her father's name was Francis Metz.
- John Oyer whose father passed away.

A mini-fundraiser will be held after church TODAY, benefiting the **Rainbow Garden**. Tubs of freshly made red pepper baba ganoush, made from garden produce, and Diane's fresh baked bread will be sold for donations. Thanks for your support!
Aaron Barnhart

Come one, come all to the annual **Mennonite Voluntary Service Open House TODAY** 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.

Concerned about **Climate Change**? Rainbow Peace & Justice is looking for interested folks to attend a screening of “Against the Wind” and a panel discussion following at Village Church, 67th & Mission Road, Monday, 9/15/14, 7 PM. More info.

Confused and troubled about the "Islamic State"? Want to sound off or ask questions or just have a conversation? **Rainbow Peace & Justice** is hosting an old fashioned “Teach-In” on Tuesday, 9/16/14, 7 PM, Sunflower Room. Bring your ideas, questions, and something to share. More info:

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT **WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY** (September 21) will begin an hour later at 10:30am. This is to allow more rehearsal time with church retreat guests and leaders Paul Rudy and Lana Maree.

The **locks to the east and west doors** have been changed. Please contact the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org) if you need to check out a key.

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!

Youth News

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.

The **Senior High** youth group are all invited to a bonfire at Danny Kaufman's house on Saturday, October 4th from 6-9pm. Hot dogs and s'mores supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring glow-in-the-dark frisbees and other outdoor games. Let's spend some time outside together during the wonderful fall weather.

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.

September 7

Attendance.....	140
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Sunday	September 14	MVS Open House	11:45 am
Tuesday	September 16	Peace and Social Justice Meeting	7:00 pm
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

Next Week

Sunday	September 21	Trustees Meeting	8:00 am
Thursday	September 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00 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 “Former Virginia Governor Convicted of public Corruption.”