

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 28, 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 **Robert and Krista Kaufman**; our greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Carrie Parsons, Tanya Ortman, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Thank you for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers during the past weeks as our family remembered the life of Joelle's father, Francis Metz. Joelle travelled safely and spend some wonderful moments with her family. We truly appreciate being part of the Rainbow community. ~The Jantzen family.

Words cannot express the **depth of gratitude** felt by me and our entire family towards the Rainbow community for their many prayers, wonderful cards, and expressions of love and joy towards my Mother, Marjorie Jantz. Celebrating her life and deep connections with the church was something we all wanted to share with the congregation at her memorial service. The Rainbow staff and congregation created a wonderful service to memorialize our Mother and we deeply appreciate all the beautiful thoughts and comments we received and shared after the service. Thank you so much. ~Keith, Kurt, Margaret, and the entire Jantz family.

Today we welcome **Mennonite Church USA** guests MCUSA moderator Elizabeth Soto Albrecht and Executive Board member Isaac Villegas. During the Sunday school hour next Sunday all are invited to join them in a conversation about MCUSA.

A **safe sanctuary training** will be held TODAY in the Wesley Room following Sunday School. If you are working with youth or children this year and have not attended training, please plan to attend.

Was that a hoot, or what? The retreat is over, but I hope that what we experienced will be remembered for a long time. Paul and Lana both reported that they had a great time and enjoyed getting to know the Rainbow community. Several people deserve special thanks - Joshua Smith, the other half of the retreat committee, Ashton Wells for going beyond the basics and arranging childcare, Phil and Marsha Rhodes for help with meal preparation, and everyone who chipped in to help with registration, meals, and cleanup. ~Rosi Penner Kaufman

Mennonite Voluntary Service update. The Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) program, one of the Christian Service programs of Mennonite Mission Network, is currently going through a transition. Continued declining applicant numbers has pushed the program to look at closing some MVS units in an effort to strengthen those that remain. The MVS program staff have asked local support committees and supporting congregations to answer a series of questions which will be used in helping make these difficult decisions. Our local support committee will be holding group discussions to get congregational input this coming week. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tanya Ortman, support committee chair,

Our next **quarterly congregational** meeting will be Sunday, October 19.

The **Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty** will be holding the Kansas City Regional Conference at Rainbow on October 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

New(ish) to Rainbow? If so, join the newcomer lunch gathering occurring 12:00-1:30 pm on Sunday, October 26. This will be an opportunity to meet members of Rainbow, the pastor and staff of Rainbow and other newcomers in a relaxed, informal setting. This is also an opportunity to learn more about Rainbow, to ask questions, and to enjoy food and fellowship. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org) by October 19.

It's time for the annual **CROP Walk**! This year's CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct 12 and begin at Central United Methodist Church (5144 Oak St, KCMO). Check-in begins at 1 pm, runners start at 1:50 pm and the walk begins at 2 pm. The CROP Walk (**C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty) raises money to address hunger and poverty in the Kansas City area and worldwide. Please consider supporting TEAM Rainbow by walking or making a donation. You can register for the walk or donate online by visiting TEAM Rainbow's page. You may designate Mennonite Central Committee "MCC" as the Alternate Agency, if you wish. If you have questions, contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Youth News

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.

Staff Updates

The office will be open on Monday from 10:30 am – 12 pm.

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Did you know? **Pastor Ruth** will be traveling to Israel/Palestine October 31-November 12. This will be a learning tour sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee.

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Attendance.....	165
Visitors (included in attendance count)	10

This Week

Sunday	September 28	Park Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	September 30	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
		MVS Conversation	7:00 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 1	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	October 2	Youth Task Force Meeting	6:30 pm
		MVS Conversation	7:00 pm
Saturday	October 4	Sr High Youth Bonfire	6:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	October 5	Special Council Meeting	10:50 am
		Mentor Potato Lunch	12:00 pm
Wednesday	October 8	Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	October 9	KCADP Regional Meeting	5:30 pm
		SCR Meeting	7:00 pm

Fall Adult Education Classes

Please note that Falling Upward and the Wired Word are not meeting this week. Join us for the conversation in the Sanctuary.

***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.