

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 26, 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 **Brad and Abigail Grittman**; our greeters are **Pat and John Bertsche**. 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 and Jacob Kaufman and Eric Jantzen**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

Today is gifts discernment Sunday. **Please fill out the survey** that can be found at either entrance to the sanctuary and return to the office mailbox or fill it out online at rainbowmennonite.org/connect/gifts-discernment/.

On this Sunday of celebrating teamwork and gifts, we the staff at RMC have made **Rainbow-themed sugar cookies** to share with all of you following today's worship service. It is our way of saying thank you for the opportunity to serve and work alongside you. We look forward to another year of doing our part in fulfilling the mission of this congregation: To worship, learn and serve together!

-Roseann Penner Kaufman, Ashton Wells, Renee Reimer, Jim Williams, Rachel Hostetler and Ruth Harder

A **warm thank you** to our many church family friends who sent notes, cards and messages of sympathy, love and support during these past several weeks after Jan's mother Ruth Hartzler passed away. Last Saturday's memorial celebration of her life was both moving and joyful and included remembrances with many relatives and friends. ~Jan and Lonnie Buerge

New(ish) to Rainbow? If so, join the newcomer lunch gathering today after Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

If you'd like to have the opportunity to help guide Rainbow's Sunday School program, please consider joining the **Youth Education Committee**. Depending upon your own gifts and availability, it could include helping to ensure that each class is staffed, that curriculum and teaching materials are in place, and that the end-of-class bell is rung (but thankfully, it doesn't mean handling all of these at the same time). Consider this, too: we only meet a few times per year, yet you still get to say that you're on a committee. Contact David Schrag, Lee Ann Duncan, or Emma Janzen with questions.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 2! There will be a farewell reception for Anna Marie Peterson in the fellowship hall from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join her Small Group in thanking Anna Marie for her years of participation and contribution to Rainbow Mennonite, and to wish her well as she moves back to Iowa!

On **November 2**, Rainbow will be celebrating All Saints Day. Some Mennonite congregations use this day to celebrate the individuals in their congregation who have passed away in the previous year. This year, we will have a variety of readings, music and guided meditations to create a celebration that will highlight those that are saints to us; whether universally recognized or not.

We invite you to think of those that you would consider to be saints in the coming week. Who would you consider a saint to the world? How has that life affected you? Who would you think of as a saint in the Mennonite church? How has that life affected the church? Who has been a saint at Rainbow Mennonite Church? How is Rainbow different today due to this individual's contribution to our common life? Who is a saint to you? How has the affected you? How are you different because of this experience?

Strickland Construction has received the **permit for the youth room** renovation and will begin construction on Monday.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will leave for Israel/Palestine on Friday and will return November 12.

Claire Zehner will be the deacon on call for pastoral care needs while Ruth is gone.

At the quarterly congregational meeting last Sunday, the proposal to contract for **construction of a new pulpit**. An **amendment** requiring funding of the project prior to initiating the construction was added with almost unanimous approval. Therefore, fundraising for the pulpit project begins now and donations can be made to the church with a designation specifying that the donated funds are for the pulpit project. Once the necessary funds are acquired, a contract with Matt Kirby will be signed and the construction phase of the project will begin. Many thanks to the pulpit committee for spending hours of investigation and discernment over this need that was presented to them and assisting in bringing this proposal to the congregation.

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Attendance.....	104
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3

This Week

Sunday	October 26	Newcomer Lunch	12:00 pm
Monday	October 27	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Tuesday	October 28	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 29	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

Next Week

Sunday	November 2	Outreach Committee Meeting	12:00 pm
		Farewell Reception for Anna Marie	2:00 pm
Monday	November 3	Youth Support Board	7:00 pm
Tuesday	November 4	Election Day	All Day
		Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	November 5	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 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.