

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 18, 2015

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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. 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.

Today's nursery workers are **Jeff and Emma Janzen and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Congratulations and wells wishes to Rainbow members Dawn Araujo and Nicolas Hawkins who will be married on Saturday, October 24 in Indianapolis. Dawn and Nick invite everyone to their Kansas City reception on **Saturday, November 7 at 6 pm at the Belvoir Winery** (1325 Odd Fellows Road, Liberty, MO). Guests are invited to bring a dessert and the recipe for their recipe collection.

Please note that from Monday October 19 until Friday October 23, **Southwest Blvd will be closed at the railroad crossing**, blocking those getting off of I-35 or coming from downtown. Please find an alternate route to the church.

After service today you're invited to take part in the following activities:

- The Mennonite Voluntary Service members will be having a **bake sale** during the fellowship time to raise funds for their fall retreat.
- There will be a **potluck and congregational meeting** following Sunday School. Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

Parables, a select student group from Goshen College, will give a presentation at Rainbow on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm. Their theme for the 2015-16 performance year is "Finding hope in Christ, community and creation." This small group of eight performers combines music, original drama and personal stories to create an engaging worship experience designed to inspire, comfort and challenge.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual **Healthy Halloween** event in Whitmore Park on Saturday, October 24, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Come celebrate the spirit of the holiday with healthy treats and fun games for children. There will be pumpkin painting, ghost races, mask making, mummy wrapping races as well as fitness and cooking activities. Mayor Holland will kick off the event at 2:00pm with a special proclamation recognizing Healthy Halloween for its health-conscious activities. Free flu shots will also be available for qualified attendees. Rosedale Development Association's Healthy Kids Initiative sponsors this event.

Lunch n Learn! The Worship Committee is sponsoring Debra Sapp-Yarwood in presenting "Ideas Worth Stealing? A Discussion of What Scholars and Other Traditions may offer Rainbow." This is part of Debra's coursework at Central Baptist Seminary and will be presented in the Fellowship Hall on October 25 after the education hour. There will be a small luncheon provided. In order to plan, please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

For our celebration of **All Saints Day** on November 1st, we invite you to write a memory and/or the name of someone who has passed away on a piece of tissue and tuck it into our Memory Tower in the Wesley Room which we hope to fill over the next 2 weeks. You are also invited to write names and memories on many more pieces of tissue over the next weeks to fill our tower.

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch on Sunday, November 15 from 12-1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow. Please RSVP to the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org).

Thanks to everyone who participated in and supported Rainbow's CROP Walk team this year! Last Sunday, Oct 11, persons from all over Kansas City walked 3.5 miles in the CROP Walk to help raise money for hungry people in Kansas City and throughout the world. This year Rainbow had an impressive showing with 24 walkers, including six junior high youth! To date, Team Rainbow has collected \$1,244, but there is still time to contribute. If you would like to contribute, please give a check to Rachel Hostetler today. Thank you to the congregation for your support!

Youth Updates

Sr high lunch discussion will be TODAY from 11am-12:30pm. Over the course of this school year we will be looking at the book, *Can I Ask That?*, from the sticky faith curriculum. Lunch will be available.

Gifts Discernment

During the next few weeks, the annual Gifts Discernment Survey along with brief descriptions of the many committees and activities through which you can serve our congregation will be distributed in your mail boxes and also posted on the Church web site under the “connect” heading and in Mid-week announcements.

The Gifts Discernment Committee encourages you to fill out the Gifts Discernment Survey form for 2016 to indicate those areas of the Church ministry in which you wish to contribute this coming year and to identify special skills/expertise you have.

In the event you would like more information about specific committees, we will be have a committee survey fair at a table in the Fellowship Hall during Fellowship Hour on Oct 25th. Here you may learn more about any committees that interest you, have the opportunity to ask questions, fill out the survey, and make specific committee requests.

Please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it during November. Your information provides important guidance to committee chairs and the Church Council as volunteer as well as elected responsibilities are met. Our ministry to our membership as well as the larger community depends on your participation. Please return your completed forms to Ashton Wells in the Church Office or [click here](#) to complete them online. For any questions, contact Keith Jantz.

This Week

Sunday	October 18	Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Potluck	11:50 am
		Congregational Meeting	12:45 pm
Wednesday	October 21	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Parables Concert	6:00 pm
Friday	October 23	SCR Meeting	8:00 am
Saturday	October 24	Healthy Halloween	2:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	October 25	Gifts Discernment Fair	10:30 am
		Presentation on worship	11:45 pm
Wednesday	October 28	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday-Saturday	October 30-31	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	

Fall Adult Education Classes

***Lila: A Novel*.....Library**

This class will discuss the book *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. The novel is a story of a girlhood lived on the fringes of society in fear, awe, and wonder. Lila was rescued as a toddler by Doll, a young drifter, and together they lived life on the run, living hand to mouth. After years of roaming the countryside, Lila steps inside a small-town Iowa church and ignites a romance with the minister and becomes the minister's wife. However, she struggles to reconcile the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with the gentle Christian worldview of her husband who paradoxically judges those she loves.

Three Short Books Everyone Should Read..... Wesley Room

We are now reading *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Solzhenitsyn. We will discuss it for the next two Sundays. On October 25 we will begin *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko. The last Sunday of the Sunday School quarter will be for a discussion of all three books.

***Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ*.....Room 111**

This class will discuss the book *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ* by Reza Aslan which offers a fresh look at the Nazarene, focusing on how Jesus the man evolved into Jesus the Christ. Approaching the subject from a purely academic perspective, the author parts an important curtain that has long hidden from view the man Jesus, who is every bit as compelling, charismatic, and praiseworthy as Jesus the Christ.

Polity, Bible, & LGBTQ Controversies in MCUSA.....Sunflower Room

This class is primarily focused on the study of Stephanie Krehbiel's PHD dissertation titled, "*PACIFIST BATTLEGROUND: Violence, Community, and the Struggle for LGBTQ Justice in the Mennonite Church USA.*" Additional material that will be studied includes a study of Mennonite Church polity titled, "*Grace at the Table: A Resource for Institutional Peacemaking,*" by our own Alyssa Bennett Smith. Other material covered will include commentary on Biblical references to same sex issues.