

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 25, 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 **Andrew Moore and Jana Graham**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller and Emma Campbell**.

Closer: **Scott Weast**

Please **continue to pray** for Jake and Bonnie Beachey. What follows is a note of appreciation from daughter Brenda: "Go Life..." is the St. Luke's slogan and it posted all around the hospital as well as at the events the health systems sponsors. Those words as well as your notes, calls, and emails of support have been so important and will continue to be as we embark on the next steps of rehabilitation. Thank you for keeping both of our parents in your prayers. We are so forever grateful."

Congratulations and wells wishes to newlyweds Dawn Araujo and Nicolas Hawkins

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," today after the education hour.

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.

Committees - it's budget time! The development of the 2016 budget begins with your input. By November 1, you will receive information and a form to provide your budget request. Please plan on meeting during November to develop your request and submit it to the Stewardship Committee by December 1. We do want each committee to give significant thought to the budget as we anticipate increased maintenance expenses in the upcoming years.

World's Window is currently collecting new and gently used women's and children's coats and winter sweaters for our 6th annual winter collection for Rose Brooks Center. The coats and sweaters will be given to women and children seeking shelter from domestic violence. Donations can be dropped off at World's Window any day through Thursday, November 12. As our thank you, you will receive a 20% off coupon. Questions? Talk to Jan or Lonnie Buerge.

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).

It is time to add/renew/drop your subscription to **THE MENNONITE**.

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Save the date: Rainbow's Christmas Program will be on December 13 at 6:30 pm.

Youth Updates

The next youth group event will take place on Sunday, November 1st from 6-8pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during a mystery game. Hope to see any interested jr high and sr high youth there.

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gifts Discernment

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 having a committee survey fair at a table in the Fellowship Hall today. 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 go to www.rainbowmennonite.org/connect/gifts-discernment/ to complete them online. For any questions, contact Keith Jantz.

This 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
Thursday	October 29	Church Council	7:00 pm
Friday-Saturday	October 30-31	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	

Next Week

Sunday	November 1	Jr/Sr High Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	November 3	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	November 4	Taizé	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm

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

Today we will begin our discussion *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko. The last Sunday of the Sunday School quarter will be for a discussion of all three books (*Slaughterhouse-Five*, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* and *Ceremony*).

***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.