

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 1, 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 **Mary Redmon and John Mueller**. Our greeters are **George Melby and Laura Schmidt**. 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.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

Congratulations to newlyweds Dawn Araujo-Hawkins and Nicolas Hawkins. They invite everyone to their Kansas City reception on **Saturday, November 7 at 6 pm at the Belvoir Winery**. Guests are invited to bring a dessert and the recipe for their recipe collection.

Congratulations and well wishes to Ben Shenk and Krista Allen who will be married November 21 in Goshen, IN.

This weekend the **Mennonite Voluntary Service** members are in Colorado for the MVS retreat.

November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. Next Sunday during worship the Prayers of the People will include a litany of prayers written by people at Rainbow whose lives have been touched by adoption, foster care, and child advocacy work. If you would like to contribute to this prayer litany or if you have questions please contact Pastor Ruth.

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).

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of homemade pizza and games with Freedom School families. We need volunteers to help with food prep, set-up, serving the food, playing board games with kids and clean-up. This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee and is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

The sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass will once again be heard at Rainbow. On **November 17 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m.** the “Tuesday Night String Band” will host a time for tunes and songs. Questions? Contact Steve Goeke at 816 628 9084 or email steve.gail.goeke@gmail.com.

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Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be attending a two-day Kansas Leader Center Conference called You. Lead. Now. this week Monday-Tuesday.

Youth Updates

The next youth group event will take place TONIGHT from 6-8pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during a mystery game. Hope to see jr high and sr high youth there.

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. 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.

Stewardship Updates

Committees - it's budget time! The development of the 2016 budget begins with your input. 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.

This Week

Sunday	November 1	Jr/Sr High Youth Group	6:00 pm
Wednesday	November 4	Taizé	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 5	Family Game Night	6:00 pm

Next Week

Tuesday	November 10	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	November 11	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. 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 be discussing *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 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.