

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 15, 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 **Will and Andrew Moore**. Our greeters are **Bob 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. Today's nursery workers are **Karla Leuenberg, Amy Kliever, and Abigail Grittman**.

Closing Trustee: **Richard Crabb**

New(ish) to Rainbow? Join us for a newcomer lunch today from 12-1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity to fellowship with others and learn more about Rainbow.

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

The church hosted another successful **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Thursday, Nov. 5. Freedom School families were invited for an evening of board games and homemade pizza. Approximately 40-50 people attended, and it was an enjoyable evening for all. Thank you to all the church members who attended and helped with this event. Special thanks to Terry Rouse, Annie Jones and Marsha Rhoads for making the delicious homemade pizza!

Come join us for the **Whitmore Park Workday** on Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 8:00am! We will need lots of volunteers to rake leaves and mulch them. This is a great activity for all ages. Plus, cider, hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. Please bring leaf rakes, leaf blower/vacs and large trash cans if you are able. We are also looking for another lawnmower to mulch the leaves. If you have questions, contact Gary Long

A **mentor/mentee “lunch and games”** will be held on Sunday, November 22nd following Sunday School. If you are looking for a chance to get together with your mentor or mentee this would be a great chance to connect with other mentor pairs and see what they are doing! Baked potatoes and desserts will be provided, but please bring your favorite potato topping and game with your mentor pair!

The **sweet potato pie fundraiser** is back! Enjoy the fruits of Rainbow Garden in a scrumptious pie shell made with this fall's sweet potato harvest, cured four weeks in the garden shed and blended into a smooth custard with bourbon, then poured into a brown sugar coated crust. Much better than pumpkin pie! Email the church office with your reservation. Price is a donation to RMC for the pocket park. Reservations are due next Friday and you will be able to pick up your pies before Thanksgiving. — Aaron Barnhart

Save the date for an evening of "Christmas Storytelling and Caroling" on Sunday, December 13th at 6:30pm. The storytelling will be provided by the various children and youth Sunday School classes. Hope to see you there for an evening of community!

Youth Updates

Sr high lunch will take place today during Sunday School until about 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided!

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 15	Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
Tuesday	November 17	Tuesday Tunes	7:00 pm
Wednesday	November 18	Deacons Meeting	9:30 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Wednesday	November 19	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	November 21	SCR Retreat	9:00 am
		Park Work Day	9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	November 22	Youth Mentor Lunch	12:00 pm
		Park Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
Thurs-Fri	November 25	Office Closed	All Day

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.