

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 14, 2016

**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 **John Mueller and Kent Moore**. Our greeters are **Sammy Stayton and George Melby**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Today's nursery workers are **Janelle Schrag, Melissa Funk, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

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**Olympics in the park!** Join us in Whitmore park for some impromptu park Olympics after worship today. Basketball and water events are currently scheduled to begin around 10:50 am.

Please **pray** for...

- Dave and Diane Richardson Spaitte as Diane's grandfather, Ken Richardson, passed away on Friday in Adrian, MI. Services were held this weekend in Michigan.
- Byron and Duffy Lange and Pastor Ruth as they grieve the death of Byron's mother and Ruth's aunt Betty. Funeral services were held on Thursday.

Pastor Ruth is looking for some people to write about **summer adventures and experiences**. Did you have an experience (at home, at camp, while traveling) where you sensed God's spirit moving in a new or different way? Please contact Ruth if you have something to share: [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

The "**Guatemala Group**" will be sharing pictures and stories from our trip during the Church School hour on Aug. 21. Come hear about the tarantula we found, the trenches and hole we dug and about the relationships we built and renewed in Panabaj. We hope you can stay for a fundraising meal to replenish the International Service Trip fund and provide some seed money for the next trip.

**Registration for the church retreat** September 24th-25th is now open! The retreat will take place at Youthfront LaCygne, just west of Kansas City. Olivia Bartel, Camp MennoScah Director, will be our guest speaker and activity organizer. The theme of the retreat will center on ways one can be more intentional about our outdoor space, whether that be through prayer, worship, or play! There will be an overnight option, day-only option, and Sunday morning only option. This retreat center specializes in meditation and provides a variety of walking trails, meditation and prayer opportunities, as well as a lake for boating, swimming, and fishing. Please see Renee Reimer if you have any questions about the retreat. To register online, look for a link in the midweek email. Paper copies of the registration form are available at the east and west entrance to the Sanctuary.

#### TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF A SMALL GROUP

We are adding new persons to **small group rosters** now and invite you to join one. Contact one of the Small group Committee members and we will find a wonderful place for you. Members are Tanya Ortman, Pat Bertche, LeeAnn Duncan and Peggy Coriell

An ad hoc committee has begun work **to preserve archives** related to the history of our church and previous congregations that comprise our historical narrative. Currently, the committee is in the process of gathering information regarding items of archival interest including documents, photos, videos, and physical items that may be stored in the church or currently kept at home by congregation members. If you have any such items at home or know of the whereabouts of such items, please notify any of the committee members, Kathy Kaufman, Karen Hostetler, or Keith Jantz. Contact Keith Jantz if you have any questions about the committee's plans.

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered 3 times this fall for adults working with children and youth at Rainbow Mennonite Church this coming school year. This includes Sunday School teacher, sponsors, nursery helpers, new mentors, WorshipArts teachers, and any other adults who may work with youth throughout the year. This training needs to be repeated every year, but have no fear it has been revamped and will be a different experience. The options for the training will be **August 28th 10:45-11:45am, September 4th 8:30-9:30am, September 11th 10:45-11:45am.**

## **Coming to Rainbow for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month:**

### **Laughter is Sacred Space: The Human Faces Tour**

On Saturday, September 3 at 7:00 pm, Ted Swartz, owner and creative director of Ted & Co, a professional touring theater company, will be at Rainbow performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*, his own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope. There is no admission charge, but we are asking for a \$10 donation.

This Tour also creates space for others stories. Ted will be touring with professional photographer Steven Stauffer, who will take portraits of people who'd like to share their own journey of struggling with a mental disorder; or those who care for loved ones who struggle, or have lost a loved one to suicide.

### **Staff Updates:**

Church Administrator, Ashton Wells, will be out of the office on Monday. Laura Schmidt will be volunteering in the office from 9-1.

Youth Program Director, Renee Reimer, will be out of the office August 15th-20th. Renee will be taking a class at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary entitled Faith Formation and Spirituality: Family and Children.

**Rainbow is hiring!** We are looking for a half-time Maintenance Coordinator. You can find the job description on the home page of the church website. Email a resume and cover letter to [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) to apply.

### **Member updates:**

The Sept 2 Rainbow group attending the Royals game is filling up fast. We currently have 20 tickets ordered. The cost is \$22/ticket. The deadline for adding to this group is Aug 18. Please send an email to [carrieprg@gmail.com](mailto:carrieprg@gmail.com) to order tickets. We will have a lot of fun so hope even more can join in! See Josh Chittum or Lonnie Buerge for questions.

There is a wedding shower for Elizabeth Uribe and Eli Page-Goertz being planned for **Sept 10** at 4:00 at the home of Jan and Lonnie Buerge hosted by Clif and Karen Hostetler and Dale and Linda Graham. Please RSVP to [carrieprg@gmail.com](mailto:carrieprg@gmail.com). They are registered at [Bed Bath and Beyond](#) and [Williams-Sonoma](#). Everyone is welcome

**This Week**

Tuesday	August 16	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
Wednesday	August 17	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am

**Next Week**

Sunday	August 21	Guatemala Fundraising Meal	11:00 am
Tuesday	August 23	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
Thursday	August 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	August 26	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

**August 7**

Attendance.....	165
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	24

**Community News**

***From Rosedale Development Association:***

We are very sad to announce that Heidi Holliday, RDA's fearless leader for the past 4 years, is resigning as our Executive Director. However, she will continue to advocate for Rosedale families in her new position as Executive Director at the Kansas Center for Economic Growth, which starts in September. Help us wish Heidi good luck in her new role at our farewell position on August 24th from 5-8 p.m. at 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS.