

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 6, 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 **Dave and Hannah Schrag**. Our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa Schrag**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, need a hearing assistance device 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 **Tanya Ortman, Melissa Funk, and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

Please pray for...

- Diane and Dave Richardson Spaitte and extended family as Diane's grandmother passed last Sunday. The service will be today in Michigan.
- Amanda and Tara Lindahl as their aunt, Carol Lindahl, passed away last Sunday morning. Service information is still in the works.
- Russel Yoder as he receives care at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

Today for the Meditation Practice Sunday School class, Pastor Ruth will lead an All Saints' Sunday meditation. We will gather at the front of the Sanctuary at 11 am for a time of readings and reflections. Then, weather permitting, we will walk out to the Rainbow Remembrance Garden for an additional time of reflection. The Wired Word class will be participating and not meeting as usual.

Leave/ Leaf a memory! Everyone is invited to write a memory or name of a loved one who has died on the leaf found in your bulletin today. These will be collected after the time with children and will be added to the Rainbow Remembrance Garden today.

Last call for the **Gifts Discernment Survey!** Please take a minute to fill out a survey about ways that you would like to be involved at Rainbow. Paper copies are available at either entrance and the online version can be found in the midweek email.

Last Sunday, the congregation voted to extend Pastor Ruth's contract for three years with a vote of 117 yes and one abstaining.

Ruth's response: I am grateful for this invitation to serve another three years as the pastor at Rainbow Mennonite. I'm fortunate to work alongside such talented and dedicated staff and volunteers. I look forward to the years ahead as we seek to worship, learn, and serve.

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Youth mentors pairs are invited to a luncheon on **Sunday, November 13th beginning at noon**. Potatoes will be provided, but please bring a potato topping and a game to play with your mentor. **Please RSVP to Renee Reimer or Janelle Campbell by Thursday, November 10th** if you plan to attend.

Peanut Butter and Bisquick needed! Rainbow will once again help coordinate the food section of the annual Cross-Lines Christmas Store, open to more than 500 individuals the first week of December. In order to buy needed groceries, we **welcome financial donations**. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church with the designation, "Cross-Lines Christmas Store." We will not be collecting coats and mittens, but are partnering with Rosedale Congregational Church in an effort to collect 500 jars of peanut butter and or containers of Bisquick. If you wish to give in this way, please bring these items to worship on Cross-Lines **next Sunday**. Please contact Annie Jones or Linda Graham if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

As we look forward to the Advent season the Visual Arts committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare our sanctuary around the Advent theme of "Between the Dark and the Daylight." There will be heavy wreaths to hang, trees to put up, garlands to fluff, and stars for little ones to decorate for the Fellowship Hall tree. We always have fun with this joyful event. Juice and goodies will be provided. As my Grandma Hegle used to say "Many hands make light work!" Hope to see many on **Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 to 11:00am**. -Linda Graham, Visual Arts committee.

Save the date! This year Rainbow's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18th beginning at 6:30 pm followed by a potluck dessert reception.

Youth Updates

This Sunday, November 6th during youth group there will be a progressive dinner for all jr and sr high youth. Please plan to pick up youth at this address (**3004 W 44th Ave, Kansas City, KS**) at 8pm. In order to have enough time to visit 3 homes we will beginning youth group at 5pm. **Please meet in the park parking lot at church no later than 5pm if you plan to attend the progressive dinner.**

Stewardship Update

Committees - it's budget time! The development of the 2017 budget begins with your input. Around November 1 you will receive information and a form to provide your budget request. Please plan to meet 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 expect increased maintenance and insurance expenses in the upcoming years.

Community Updates

Sunday, November 13, from 12-3 PM some participants in the Rainbows in Rosedale intentional community will be assisting Rosedale Development Association with preparing a community garden for winter. Anyone is welcome to join the work at 748 Seminary Street, KCK. Though not required, volunteers may wish to bring gloves, a shovel & a wheelbarrow. If you have questions, contact Kimberly Hunter at 559.289.2716 or Rainbows.in.Rosedale@gmail.com.

On Thursday, November 17 a small group will be preparing & sharing supper with the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker community in the Historic Northeast neighborhood of Kansas City, MO. If you would like to volunteer contact Kimberly

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Attendance.....	171
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Sunday	November 6	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Monday	November 7	Outreach Committee Meeting	3:00 pm
Tuesday	November 8	Election Day	7:00 am
		Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	November 9	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 10	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	November 12	MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	November 13	Youth Mentor Lunch	12:00 pm
Tuesday	November 15	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Delight Ahead Literacy Fair	4:00 pm
Wednesday	November 16	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 17	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
		Christmas Program Meeting	7:00 pm

Fall Adult Education Classes

Jesus and His Jewish Influences Room 111

This class consists of lecture videos by Jodi Magness, Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This is a continuation of the lecture series viewed during the Spring 2016 quarter. The lectures can be enjoyed by all who are interested, and it is not necessary to have seen the first twelve lectures. The following are the titles of the lectures to be viewed in this Autumn quarter.

11/06: Flavius Josephus: Witness to 1st Century A.D.

The Fire This Time.....Sunflower Room

Director of the HAAS Institute, John A. Powell, compares race to gravity; we are all affected, but few of us understand. Full comprehension may remain unattainable, but intentional work at *trying* is solicited by the divine. In a state of open prayer, with love for ourselves and others, this class will offer one model (out of many) for analyzing our racial identities through intentional hearing and internal reflection. This deviates from the normal mode of discussion based inquiry, which presents a unique challenge as we address a demanding topic. Though our efforts are imperfect and the process is messy, we ultimately seek to create change by traveling down all the minor tributaries and major waterways revolution requires. Let us convene. Let us act. Let us struggle. The fire is this time.