

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 17, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship. 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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. Ushers are **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. 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. Our nursery workers today are **Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman, Elizabeth Stamper and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

Ed Neufeld and his wife Sherie, as Ed recovers from double bypass surgery Tuesday at KU Medical Center.

Diane Eickhoff as she recovers from heart surgery. If you would like to provide meals for Diane and Aaron over the coming weeks, please contact Carrie Parsons at office@rainbowmennonite.org, or call the church office directly.

Voices of Conscience

Our Fall worship series, *Voices of Conscience*, is inspired by a traveling exhibit on peacemaking that will premiere at the National WWI Museum in October and then come to Rainbow for the week of October 23-29. Leading up to this important event, we will spend time in worship reflecting what a Jesus-shaped conscience might sound and look like today.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "war to end all wars," the National World War I Museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. "Remembering Muted Voices" is Oct. 19-22 and explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125.

We have a new prayer bowl and offering plate table! Thanks to the leaders of the Visual Arts Committee and a financial gift by Kenn Goertz and Sallie Page-Goertz, Matt Kirby was commissioned to build this table for Rainbow using the leftover spalted maple from the pulpit and communion table projects. See Matt's note:

Much like the communion table, it is designed with the idea of an occasional-moving [meaning the top comes off EASILY and cannot be moved by holding onto the top] . . . Some nice wood grain feature opportunities did present themselves . . . the end grain on the top front surface is book-matched. Like the pulpit, the wood joinery is the real thing with pegs that really peg. . . There is a certain privilege I feel and much appreciate contributing to Rainbow Fellowship's artistic and expressive environment.

Aid for Those in Need

Children and youth Sunday School offertory will have a special designation for this fall. In response to the recent storms over the past few weeks, the Faith Formation Board has designated all money (or items) that come in through children/youth Sunday School classes by November 12th to go toward creating Hygiene Kits for storm victims. Money brought in will be used to purchase the following:

- adult-size toothbrush (leave in packaging)
- large bar of bath soap (leave in packaging)
- fingernail clipper
- hand towel (dark colors)

There are more refugees in the world at this time than at any time in the past. Aid organizations with whom Mennonite Central Committee collaborates have requested 7000 comforters by November. You can help relieve some of the suffering of these refugees:

- Donate money to Rainbow Mennonite Church designated to "Quilters Fund."
- Donate plain and patterned cotton fabric. Leave in the church office or give to Charity Gourlely, Marsha Rhoads, or Phyllis Carlson.
- Help on sewing days by cutting, ironing, and sorting fabric, or by piecing fabric on a sewing machine.
- Next sewing day is Monday, Sept 18th, 9:30 at the church. Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies.

Amy Davis and Ellsworth Wright will be married at Rainbow on Sunday, September 23 at 2 pm. They welcome the Rainbow community to join them for this special occasion. Another way you can show support is to contribute a potluck dish for the meal they are having after the ceremony on the 23rd. If you can contribute something, please contact the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org.

This weekend, Pastor Ruth has been the featured speaker at the Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual women's gathering at Swan Lake Christian Camp in South Dakota. The title of her message is, "Meeting women in the Bible again for the first time." She would like to share part of this presentation at Rainbow as well, over coffee and snacks. If you'd like to join her, reserve Saturday morning, September 30, from 9 am-11 am. More details will be forthcoming. All ages and genders welcome!

SAVE THE DATE, Next Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 1, 2017 following a noon potluck meal.

Haircutting Fund-Razor: Is your hair getting a bit shaggy, out of control, or just boring? We have a solution for you! Sign up for an exceptional (albeit nonprofessional) haircut on October 7 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will go to the Deacon's fund. If you are interested, please contact Natasha VanDyke.

Youth Updates

Jr high youth will have the opportunity to kick-off their new group of community with one another at a Jr. High retreat! The retreat will take place at the Rainbow Guest House (AKA: MVS House) beginning on Saturday, September 23rd at 4pm and going until Sunday morning worship. If you are in grades 6-8 and are interested in attending please RSVP to Renee by Wednesday, September 20th.

Staff Updates

Ruth is out of town this weekend, returning to the office Tuesday, September 19.

Community News

After a summer hiatus, the Next Chapter KC forums will resume on Tuesday, September 26, from 6 to 7:30 pm at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd Street, KCKS. Rod and Roberta Hofer will be the speakers on the topic of "Honoring Family and Heritage When Giving Back." Contact Karen Hostetler.

September 10

Attendance	166
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	10
General Fund	\$ 4,483.00
Other Donations.....	\$ 237.02
Online Giving for August	\$ 2,606.70
Offering Totals for Sept 10 & Aug Online Giving.....	\$ 7,326.72

This Week

Sunday	Sep 17	Safe Sanctuary Training	8:30am
		Playground Committee Meeting	10:50am
		Youth Group Welcome Lunch	12:00pm
		Youth Group Sponsor Meeting	1:00pm
Monday	Sep 18	Quilters Comfort Group	9:00am
Tuesday	Sep 19	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Sep 20	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Friday	Sep 22	Wedding Rehearsal	5:30pm
Saturday	Sep 23	Wedding	2:00pm
		Jr. High Retreat	4:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Sep 24	Small Group Kick-Off	12:00pm
		MVS Support Board	1:00pm
Monday	Sep 25	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Sep 26	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Sept 27	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Deacon's Meeting	5:30pm
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Sept 30	Women in the Bible	9:00am

Fall Adult Education Options

The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way by Brian McLaren

Facilitator: Leroy Seat

Sunflower Room

Return to Northkill by Ervin R. Stutzman

Facilitator: Clif Hostetler

Room #111

The Wired Word

Facilitator: June Seat

Library

*Finding Gratitude-Reflection on Sunday Sermons**

Facilitators: David and Diane Richardson Spaite Roasterie at Rainbow and 47th St.

* We plan to meet at 11:00 am (during SS hour) on 4 Sundays: Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 and will offer rides each Sunday.