

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 24, 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 **Melissa Funk and Lori Lichty**. Ushers are **Ken Parsons, Owyn Parsons and Jonathan Bollinger**. 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 **Stan Buller, Carol Buller and Abigail Grittman**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Remembering in Prayer...

Ed Neufeld and his wife Sherie, as Ed is now home recovering from double bypass surgery.

Diane Eickhoff as she recovers from heart surgery. If you would like to provide a meal this week for Diane and Aaron, please contact Carrie at the church office.

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 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.

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 on what a Jesus-shaped conscience might sound and look like today.

The first Sunday of October is always designated as Worldwide Communion Sunday. Therefore, we will observe communion at Rainbow next Sunday, with a table full of breads from around the world.

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, Oct 9, 9:30 at the church. Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies.

Pastor Ruth was the featured speaker at the Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual women's gathering at Swan Lake Christian Camp in South Dakota last weekend. Her title was "Meeting women in the Bible again for the first time." She would like to share part of this presentation at Rainbow over coffee and snacks. If you'd like to join her, reserve Saturday morning, September 30, from 9 am-11 am.

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.

The Jr High youth will be walking in the annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 8th. Anyone from Rainbow is welcome to walk with us or donate financially to our group. Please go to www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo and request **TEAM Rainbow** when you sign up to walk or donate. Checks and cash will also be accepted on Sunday, October 8th during the fellowship hour. Join us in working towards ending hunger and poverty in our community!

Good News Church, one of our neighborhood churches will be hosting a health fair in Whitmore Playground from 11AM to 3PM October 14. They will have free health screenings and flu shots available. There will also be free hot dogs and hair cuts. They would like to have our restrooms available and we are looking for volunteers to keep an eye on the building even if for just an hour. If you are able to help out contact Terry Rouse at maintenance@rainbowmennonite.org

Drew Hart will be speaking at Rainbow on Oct 22. Drew is well known theologian, blogger and activist. He is the author of Trouble I've Seen in which he exposes and confronts the racism in our culture and our churches. In preparation for that day, the Worship Committee will hold a one-evening study session of his book. That session is scheduled for October 17 at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. We encourage everyone to read the book and come prepared to engage in a discussion led by David Richardson-Spaite and Lonnie Buerge. The book is available on Amazon in both Kindle and printed editions.

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 17

Attendance	168
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	7
General Fund	\$ 6,184.82
Other Donations.....	\$ 994.25
Offering Total	\$ 7,179.07

This 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	Sep 27	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 28	Deacon's Meeting	5:30pm
Saturday	Sep 30	Women in the Bible	9:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Oct 1	Congregational Potluck	12:00pm
		Congregational Meeting	1:00pm
		Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 3	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 4	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

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 Sep. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 and will offer rides each of these Sundays.