

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 5, 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 greeter is Laura Schmidt. Ushers are **Ken Parsons, Owyn Parsons and David Becker**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

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## Today's Roses are in honor of two recent births...

Layla Eileen Smith was welcomed into the world November 2, born to Allison Unruh and Matt Smith, weighing 8lbs 11oz, and 19.5" long. We celebrate her birth along with her brothers, Fischer and Ryder.

Congratulations to Grant and Erin Zehner on the birth of their son, Rowan Arthur Zehner born October 19, weighing 8lbs 3oz and 19.5" long. We celebrate with proud grandparents, Todd and Claire Zehner.

## This Morning at Rainbow

Leroy Barber has dedicated more than twenty eight years to eradicating poverty, confronting homelessness, restoring local neighborhoods, and healing racism. He is currently the Co-Founder and Director of the Voices Project, College Pastor at Kilns College, and the Director of @HopeMob. Rev. Barber is on the boards of: The Simple Way, Missio Alliance and The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN). He is the author of several books including *Red, Brown, Yellow, Black and White: Who's More Precious In His Sight?* With Velma Maia Thomas, *Embrace: God's Radical Shalom for a Divided World* and forthcoming this fall, *The Injustice of Gentrification: Memories of Home*.

## **Announcements**

To make the most of our time together this morning, the Worship Committee requests the following: If you have an announcement or would like to highlight something, please write it down and give it to the worship leader or Pastor Ruth prior to the worship service. The worship leader will read these announcements all at once, as opposed to passing the microphone during a separate time of announcements. Thank you.

A conversational potluck meal will take place **this evening from 6-8pm**. Anyone who would like to learn about Conscientious Objectors and how to create a Conscientious Objector file is encouraged to attend and help create a space of intergenerational conversation. Stories will be shared, information will be provided, and it will be a potluck style meal so **please bring a dish to share!**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Voices of Conscience Traveling Exhibit. Your willingness to pitch in your time and energy made all of this possible. Our guest book shows 230 signatures and the event brought together many people of different backgrounds. So to all you docents, exhibit installers, communication and design team, storytellers, children's activity/Peace Pavilion coordinators, and peacemakers, we offer our deep gratitude.

**IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGE** -- In an ongoing effort to use our volunteers wisely, the Faith Formation Board is eliminating the "Bell Ringer" position. Parents of younger children -- please remember that Sunday School ends at 11:40 and children need to be picked up from their classrooms at that time.

A reminder to children and youth that the last Sunday to bring money or donations for the **relief kits will be next Sunday, November 12th**. All money collected during the Sunday School hour will go towards purchasing items for relief kits. Items that can be collect and added to the basket in the Education Wing and Fellowship hall are: adult-size toothbrush, large bar bath soap, fingernail clipper, and hand towel (dark color).

**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 full week of December. In order to buy needed groceries, we welcome financial donations beginning now through mid-November. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church with the designation, "Cross-Lines Christmas Store." We will not be collecting coats and mittens. Instead we are attempting 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 **Sunday, November 12**. Please contact Keith Jantz or Annie Jones if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

OOPS! Did you pick up a brochure titled "Happy 25th Birthday Whitmore Playground" during the Sunday School class on the history of Whitmore Playground last spring? I just noticed it was copied wrong and missing many pages. Let me know if you would like an updated copy and I will put a new one in your mailbox! Judy Selzer

### **Save the Dates!**

**STRING BAND MUSIC – JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT:** The sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar and mandolin, will once again be heard at Rainbow. On November 14 the Quasi Brothers will host a time for tunes and songs from 6:00 – 9:00pm. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors. Questions? Email [thequasibrothers@gmail.com](mailto:thequasibrothers@gmail.com) with questions.

The Angstrom Brass, a quintet including Rainbow's Christian Buller and Andy Toews, will be presenting a concert at our church on Saturday, November 18, at 7:30 PM. This is the evening before our 60th anniversary service. Details will follow in the coming weeks. You won't want to miss this, so mark your calendars now!

Rainbow Mennonite Church turns sixty! Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 19 to celebrate through special planned activities, including a congregational potluck lunch. Watch for more details to come.

Save the date for the Christmas Program, *O Come ALL Ye Faithful*, on **Sunday, December 10 beginning at 4:00pm**. This year the program will be a collaborated work with children, youth, and adults. Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour November 19th, 26th, December 3rd, and 10th. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman if you would like to offer any special music as a prelude to the Christmas program. This opportunity is open for all ages to participate and attend!

### **Staff Updates**

Renee Reimer will be in Canada on a vacation and a spiritual retreat with her Canadian relatives November 6-11.

### **Wider Mennonite Church**

The Western District Conference Israel Palestine Task Force is encouraging members across the Western District to show solidarity and support for one of our members, Esther Koontz, who has been denied employment by the State of Kansas because of her Anabaptist convictions. For ways to show your support, please go to [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org) and search "Esther Koontz" in the search bar.

## October 29

Attendance .....	175
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	17
General Fund .....	\$12,884.00
Other Donations.....	\$ 455.70
<b>Offering Total .....</b>	<b>\$13,339.70</b>

## This Week

Sunday	Nov 5	Conscientious Objector Discussion and Potluck	6:00am
		Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday	Nov 7	Wyandotte General Election All Day	
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 8	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 9	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Nov 11	Sr High Lockin	6:00pm

## Next Week

Tuesday	Nov 14	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Tuesday Tunes	6:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 15	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 18	The Angstrom Brass Quintet	6:30pm

## 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