

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## August 5, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

We invite you to sign our friendship register when it is passed during the offering. Between the worship service and Sunday school, please consider joining us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Look for the Welcome Table!

Today's ushers are **Jonathan Bollinger and Andy Toews**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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, for children birth - four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Natasha VanDyke, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Kennedy Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

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### Remembering in Prayer...

We offer sympathy and God's peace to Joe Duerksen and family as Joe's sister, Lois Deckert, of North Newton died August 2.

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### This Morning at Rainbow

Rainbow Mennonite Church strives to be a Safe Sanctuary church for all ages. Each year we provide training on our Abuse Prevention Policy. All adults are encouraged to attend. The youth and children will have their own session to review our safe sanctuary practices. Please note that all congregants serving or volunteering with youth and children are required to participate in this short training. All Deacons and Church Council members should also attend. Training sessions are offered on the following Sundays in August and September: Today (11 am), August 26 (8:45 am), September 9 (11 am) and September 16 (11 am).

Summer Sunday School for all ages! Join us in the sanctuary during the second hour as we listen to and analyze songs of a variety of genres (hip hop, bluegrass, americana, rap, etc.) that have scriptural references planted in them, whether subtle or overt. This morning's musical selection is *John Saw That Number* by Neko Case.

Please note we do NOT have Faith Formation Board table talks this morning. The three Sundays remaining to join in for table talks are the August 12, 19 and 26th.

## Next Sunday

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Raylene Hinz-Penner of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka, will be our guest preacher next Sunday, August 12. Raylene will share about her recent trip to the U.S./Mexican border with Mennonite Central Committee. In preparation, please consider reading her recently published article in Mennonite World Review, "The face of Jesus on the border," at <http://mennoworld.org/2018/06/29/the-world-together/the-face-of-jesus-on-the-border/>

The Faith Formation Board and Personnel Committee will host a table talk next Sunday in the Rainbow Room at 10:45am. Jesse Graber will provide a supervised activity for children in the Sunflower room during this time.

## Announcements

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Choir retreat: On Saturday, August 25, Rainbow singers are invited to a time of singing and fellowship at Westport Presbyterian Church, 201 Westport Road in KCMO. This is a chance to learn with the choirs from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and Westport Presbyterian and to get in shape for choir season. We have engaged two great clinicians for the day, which will run from 9:30-3:00. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman for more info.

The Rainbow Retreat Committee will be hosting **“A Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives – Consider, Confront, Change”** September 28 -30, 2018. Jalane Schmidt, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, will be our keynote speaker

## Staff News

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As of Wednesday, August 1, we have new Rainbow staff members. A warm welcome goes to Mark Bartholomew, our new Maintenance Coordinator. Also at this time, Ben Park Sutter has taken on the Interim Outreach Ministries Director position and Terry Rouse has transitioned to Interim Youth Ministries Director.

Rainbow’s summer intern, Will Compton, returned to his home in Kentucky last week. Will left a note of thanks stating, “You all have been deeply generous to me this summer with your time and attention, your energy and gifts...I’ve enjoyed finding the ‘Rainbow Connection!’”

Carrie Parsons will be out of the church office August 6-9, returning Friday, August 10. Thank you to volunteers Kay Schmidt and Jacob Kaufman for filling in while she is gone!

## Mennonite Voluntary Service Update

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*My name is Sarah Tomas Morgan and I am the new Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) volunteer in your community this year. I am from South Bend, IN and am very excited to join you next Wednesday in Kansas City, a city I have never been to before! I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May with a major in the Program of Liberal Studies (a great books program) and a minor in International Peace Studies. I am Catholic but sincerely respect and am intrigued by Mennonite faith and mission. I am eager to deepen my understanding of both this year. For my MVS placement, I will be working as Community Orientation Assistant Coordinator for the refugee resettlement team of Jewish Vocational Service (JVS). My primary responsibilities will include presenting information about life in America, ensuring public transit access and school enrollment, and conducting home visits. I look forward to adapting together with our refugee friends to our new shared community of Kansas City. I ask for your prayers in this journey and I look forward to meeting you and worshiping with you soon.*

## Mennonite Church News

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**Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat 2018** - The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are now available in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are due August 27.

**July 29, 2018**

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| Attendance.....                               | 132                |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) ..... | 5                  |
| General Fund .....                            | \$ 6,295.00        |
| Other Donations .....                         | \$ 934.50          |
| <b>Total Offering .....</b>                   | <b>\$ 7,229.50</b> |

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**This Week**

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| Sunday   | Aug 5 | Faith Formation Board Meeting | 10:45am |
|          |       | Safe Sanctuary Training       | 11:00am |
| Monday   | Aug 6 | Deacons' Meeting              | 5:30pm  |
| Tuesday  | Aug 7 | Election Day                  |         |
|          |       | Staff Meeting                 | 1:00pm  |
|          |       | Worship Committee Meeting     | 7:00pm  |
| Thursday | Aug 9 | Trustees Meeting              | 7:00pm  |

**Next Week**

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| Sunday    | Aug 12 | Faith Formation Board Table Talk | 10:45am |
| Tuesday   | Aug 14 | Staff Meeting                    | 10:30am |
| Wednesday | Aug 15 | Women's Luncheon                 | 11:00am |