

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 12, 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 and greeters are **Ken, Carrie, Eva and Owyn Parsons**. 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 **Tanya Ortman and Carol Buller**.

Closing Trustee: **Brad Gritman**

Remembering in Prayer...

- The rose this morning is in honor of Simone "Sese" Vernita Pauls, born to Nikki DeSimone Pauls and Brian Pauls on August 7. She joins big sister Yiyi and looks forward to the arrival of her other big sister, Leelee.
- We offer sympathy and God's peace to Joe Duerksen and family as Joe's sister, Lois Deckert, of North Newton died August 2.
- Leah Southard, granddaughter of Nancy Bosché and David Stewart, remains at Children's Mercy Medical Center after discovery of an abdominal infection. Please keep Leah, her mother Wendy Southard, and their family in prayer.

This Morning at Rainbow

- Welcome guest preacher, **Raylene Hinz-Penner** of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka! Raylene is here to share about her recent trip to the U.S./Mexican border with Mennonite Central Committee.
- This morning we welcome **Kristina Yoder** to share musically in the worship service. Kristina has been part of the first violin section of the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra since 2008, and with her family is visiting her parents, Russell and Charlene Yoder.
- The Faith Formation Board and Personnel Committee will host a Table Talk TODAY in the Sunflower Room after worship. Talks will also occur on Aug 19 and 26. Please plan to attend one of these sessions to discuss and provide input for the future of Rainbow's Youth and Outreach Director position. A supervised activity for children will be available in The Wesley Room during this time.

Mennonite Voluntary Service Update



My name is Sarah Tomas Morgan and I am the new Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) volunteer. I am from South Bend, IN. 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.

Mennonite Voluntary Service has some more amazing volunteers headed to Rainbow this month, but we are in need of another car. If you have a vehicle to donate please contact Jesse Graber at mvskansascity@gmail.com

Announcements

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.

Summer is almost over and it is time to celebrate with a picnic. Come to the Whitmore Playground August 25, between 6:00 and 8:00pm for food and fun. We will be grilling kosher hot dogs and a vegetarian option. There will also be baked beans and chips plus ice cream bars to cool you down. You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Activities include face painting, a cup cake walk, a photo booth and more.

Are you interested in formalizing your involvement at Rainbow through church membership? New members will be recognized in worship during an upcoming Sunday in September. If you would like more information, please contact Ruth at ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org

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: August 26 (8:45 am), September 9 (11 am) and September 16 (11 am).

Save the Date! Sunday School Teacher Lunch and Orientation Sunday, September 9th!

The Faith Formation Board is providing lunch and an orientation/resource session for all **Children/Youth Sunday School teachers** on Sunday, September 9th. Teachers, please put the date on your calendar and watch your email for a more detailed invitation. Most importantly, accept our thanks in advance for your commitment to the very worthwhile and rewarding endeavor of providing Sunday School leadership to our young congregants! Please note that children's Sunday school begins September 9 with safe sanctuary training, then regularly scheduled classes begin on September 16.

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. Note that this symposium will take place at Rainbow.

For the past 6 years we have participated in the Harvester's BackSnacks program by packing and delivering food to Noble Prentis grade school. We currently need volunteers to deliver totes to the school anytime between 8:30am and 3:00pm one Friday each month. A van or SUV would be an ideal vehicle. Contact Ben Parker Sutter at outreach@rainbowmennonite.org if you would like to help deliver.

The base for a new grill has been installed in the Whitmore Playground and is ready for the grill to be placed on top. It weighs 200 plus pounds and we need at least 4 people to help lift it into place after the church service this morning. We will be meeting in the picnic area at 11:00am.

Staff News

We welcome Mark Bartholomew, our new Maintenance Coordinator. Also at this time, Ben Parker Sutter has taken on the Interim Outreach Ministries Director position and Terry Rouse has transitioned to Interim Youth Ministries Director.

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office August 13 – 20. Please contact Deacon Amy Kliever with pastoral concerns.

Mennonite Church News

Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS, is celebrating the completion of an expanded church building (615 Lincoln St). There will be an open house TODAY including a short dedication ceremony at 3:00 p.m., tours of the building, historic photos, classical music by Rebecca Bell and Greg Allen and refreshments.

Executive Director Glen Guyton recently signed on to the following ecumenical, interfaith statement condemning government separation of immigrant families:

“Recently, the U.S. Administration announced that it will begin separating families and criminally prosecuting all people who enter the U.S. without previous authorization. As religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, united in our concern for the well-being of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives, we are deeply disappointed and pained to hear this news. We affirm the family as a foundational societal structure to support human community and understand the household as an estate blessed by God. The security of the family provides critical mental, physical and emotional support to the development and well-being of children. Our congregations and agencies serve many migrant families that have recently arrived in the United States. Leaving their communities is often the only option they have to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Tearing children away from parents who have made a dangerous journey to provide a safe and sufficient life for them is unnecessarily cruel and detrimental to the well-being of parents and children. As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the children and families that will suffer due to this policy and urge the Administration to stop their policy of separating families.”

August 5, 2018

Attendance	140
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6
General Fund.....	\$ 6,334.02
Other Donations	\$ 105.00
Total Offering August 5.....	\$ 6,439.02
Online Giving July 2018.....	\$ 3,741.90
Total Offering August 5 with July Online Giving	\$ 10,180.92

This Week

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
Friday	Aug 17	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 19	Faith Formation Board Table Talk	10:45am
Tuesday	Aug 21	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Thursday	Aug 23	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Aug 25	Choir Retreat	9:30am
		Picnic in the Park	6:00pm