

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 2, 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 worship and Sunday school, consider joining us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Look for the "Rainbow Connections" sign!

Today's ushers are **Andy Toews and David Bluford**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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. Nursery workers today are **Heidi Braun and Melissa Funk**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Remembering in Prayer...

Please remember in prayer Don Moeller as he recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.

Dan Duncan welcomes our prayers as he recovers at home from a recent stroke.

Announcements

Choir Begins Wednesday, September 5! Welcome to anyone who is interested in joining the Rainbow choir. Rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00 with a shared meal beginning at 6:15. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5. We do a wide variety of choir literature, but our purpose is to add to the creative expression of Rainbow's worship. Talk to Rosi Penner Kaufman for more details.

Final Willa Gill Food Kitchen

- ◆ Our church will be assisting Trinity Community Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen this Friday, September 7, 10:30 - 1:00pm. If you want to volunteer to help that day, contact Nancy Bosché. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time.
- ◆ We have recently been informed that after September, Trinity Community Church will no longer be taking on this project, so this opportunity at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen will be our last time to help. We are grateful for all that Trinity has done in organizing, purchasing, and preparing the food six times a year, and that Rainbow could support their efforts by providing a financial donation and volunteers.

Next Sunday, September 9: Fall Sunday School Begins

- ◆ As part of our Safe Sanctuary policy, all children and youth will receive an age appropriate lesson about abuse prevention during their first Sunday School class. Most of the classes will be taught by congregational members who are not the regular Sunday School teachers. Thank you to all the adults who agreed to teach this important information. If you have questions about the lesson content, please contact Janelle Campbell at janelleacampbell@gmail.com.
- Classes will be held from 10:50–11:40am. (There will be no WorshipArts this first Sunday.) Parents, feel free to have your child get a doughnut/treat downstairs before class begins at 10:50. Classes will meet in the following rooms:
 - Preschool through Kindergarten – Room #116
 - 1st - 3rd grade – Room #114
 - 4th-5th grade – Room #113
- ◆ There will be two adult Sunday School classes offered this fall. Please find printed class descriptions in the foyers to the east and west of the sanctuary.
- ◆ The Faith Formation Board will provide lunch and an orientation/resource session for all **Children and Youth Sunday School teachers** on Sunday, September 9. Teachers, please watch your email for a more detailed invitation.

Safe Sanctuary Training will be offered next Sunday, September 9 at 11:00am in the WorshipArts room, located on the education wing in room #120. 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. A final training will be offered September 16 at 11:00am.

A Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives – Consider, Confront, Change

- ◆ Hosted by the Rainbow Retreat Committee September 28 -30, 2018.
- ◆ Symposium purpose, schedule and registration information can be found in this morning's insert and on Rainbow's website: www.rainbowmennonite.org/symposium

Fall congregational meeting date change! Please save Sunday, October 14, as the revised date of our next congregational meeting, following a noon potluck.

Youth Updates

Youth Retreats and Lock Ins: Exploring the City and Ourselves

- ◆ Senior High Youth: Saturday, September 15 starting at 5:00pm at the church.
- ◆ Junior High Youth: Saturday, September 22 starting at 5:00pm at the church.

Mennonite Voluntary Service News

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) has some amazing volunteers arriving to Kansas City this week! Our MVS unit is still in need of another car. If you have a vehicle to donate or sell at a reduced rate, please contact Jesse Graber at mvskansascity@gmail.com



Hanna Hochstetler, MVS Volunteer

Hi! My name is Hanna Hochstetler and I am from Goshen, Indiana. This spring I graduated from Goshen College with a degree in Social Work. As someone who grew up in the Goshen area and stayed around for college, I learned a lot about my community and appreciated the chances I had to interact with community members through different city events like city council meetings, playing in a community ultimate league, and attending various demonstrations and protests to address areas of injustice. I love meeting new people so I look forward to getting to know all of you! For my first two months in Kansas City I will be working with Rainbow Mennonite in a temporary placement. I will get to learn about our community, getting to know the youth, and help out where I am needed. Starting in November, I will be working with the Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund as the migrant services volunteer. There I hope to work alongside other advocates in providing direct services and outreach to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families.



Eba Goshu, MVS Volunteer

Eba grew up in Ethiopia and is studying computer science at Glasgow Caledonian University in Mauritius. He will be working for Connecting For Good, an organization that provides KC's low-income communities with digital literacy training and internet access. Eba will be a part of the Kansas City MVS unit for 6 months.

Paul Zehr, MVS Associate



Hi, I'm Paul Zehr. I'll be living at the MVS house this year as an associate and working as a farm hand at Where the Redfearn Grows Farm in Independence, MO. I'm originally from the rural town of Carthage, NY, less than 100 miles south of Canada. I attended Lowville Mennonite Church growing up and earned a B.A. in music and theater from Goshen College in 2016. Following college, I served as a SALT volunteer with MCC in Chad, Africa. During that time, Christina Hofer - my close college friend and girlfriend - served with MVS in KC and fell in love with the community at Rainbow. We're excited to join you in Kansas City and I'm looking forward to all the opportunities that both the church and the city at large have to offer.

August 26, 2018

Attendance	138
Visitors (included in attendance count)	3
General Fund.....	\$ 6,979.00
Other Donations	\$ 218.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,197.00

This Week

Sunday	Sep 2	Safe Sanctuary	11:00am
Monday	Sep 3	Church Office Closed for Labor Day	
Tuesday	Sep 4	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Staff Safe Sanctuary Training	11:15am
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
	Sep 5	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Friday	Sep 7	Final Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am

Next Week

Sunday	Sep 9	Fall Sunday School Begins	10:50am
		Final Safe Sanctuary Training	11:00am
Tuesday	Sep 11	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Sep 12	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 13	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Sep 15	Ortman/Stoltzfus Adoption Celebration	2:00pm
		Sr High Retreat	5:00pm