

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## September 9, 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 **Jerry Jantz and John Mueller**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Allison Unruh, Karen Uhlenhuth, Lia and Thuy Uhlenhuth**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

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### **This Morning at Rainbow...**

#### **Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50am**

- ◆ As part of our Safe Sanctuary policy, all children and youth will receive an age appropriate lesson about abuse prevention this morning. Most of the classes will be taught by congregational members who are not the regular Sunday School teachers. If you have questions about the lesson content, please contact Janelle Campbell at [janelleacampbell@gmail.com](mailto:janelleacampbell@gmail.com).
- ◆ Classes will be held from 10:50 – 11:40am. (There will be no WorshipArts this first Sunday.) Parents - please 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

#### **Adult Sunday School 10:50am**

There are two adult Sunday School classes offered this fall beginning today. Please find printed class descriptions in the foyers to the east and west of the sanctuary.

- ◆ ***Journey Forward***: Facilitated by Pastor Ruth Harder, meets in Sunflower Room
- ◆ ***America's Original Sin***: Facilitated by Clif Hostetler and members of the Symposium Planning Committee, meets in Wesley Room.

### **Safe Sanctuary Training 11:00am**

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered this morning 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 next Sunday, September 16 at 11:00am.

### **Lunch for Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers 11:45am**

The Faith Formation Board will provide lunch and an orientation/resource session for all Children and Youth Sunday School teachers today in the fellowship hall.

### **Consider Confront Change...**

*How can we look at something as confusing as our own white privilege? How do we start? In designing the symposium logo and the banner for our worship space, the 3 C's of Consider, Confront, and Change were central to our task ahead. The C on the left starts our dialogue of considering how white privilege is present every day in our lives. The C on the right turns to face our "considering" and asks us to really take a look at the truths of life for all peoples. The C of "change" lays on its back at the bottom and becomes the vessel, the oil lamp, to light the flames of Change as we push ourselves and our world past our old understandings and to begin anew with different eyes and hearts. ~ Jan Buerge*

### **Announcements**

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**An Adoption Party!** Please join us in celebrating our adoption of Odyssey and Autumn on Saturday, September 15, from 2:00pm-5:00pm in Whitmore Playground. We'll have snacks and music provided by Ernest James Zydeco Acoustic Trio. See the midweek email for a link to the invitation. RSVPs are appreciated. Thanks! ~ Tanya Ortman and Ky Stoltzfus, Caleb, Asher, Odyssey and Autumn

Kauffman Museum's traveling exhibit called **"Sorting Out Race" Examining Racial Identity & Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations** will be housed in our Fellowship Hall starting mid-September through second week of October. We could use four volunteers to help with installation starting at 2:00pm on Monday, September 17. Please contact the church office if you can help: [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)

## **A Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives - *Consider, Confront, Change***

- ◆ Symposium purpose, schedule and registration information can be found in this morning's insert and on Rainbow's website: [rainbowmennonite.org/symposium](http://rainbowmennonite.org/symposium)

**Camp Mennoscah** can exchange Best Choice UPC labels for cash through the Best Choice Save-a-Label program. Camp earns \$0.03 for each Best Choice UPC symbol redeemed! Here's all you need to do: *Cut out the "Best Choice" words and UPC symbol on Best Choice products. Put the labels in the marked envelope on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall OR in Janelle Campbell's mailbox.*

**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**

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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.

Contact Terry Rouse ([youth@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:youth@rainbowmennonite.org)) to RSVP.

### **Member News**

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The burial for Glenda Campbell will be on Saturday, September 15 at 5:30 pm at Partlow Cemetery, 340 St, White Cloud, KS 66094. Following the burial, everyone is invited to a dinner at the George Ogden Community Building, 2340 330th St, White Cloud, KS 66094. There will also be an honor dance for Glenda at some point during the evening pow wow.

### **Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) News\***

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**MVS Needs:** We have three wonderful MVSers this year, which means they need a way to get around the city and to their work placements. We're grateful for the two generous donations we've received, but are still in need of \$1700 to purchase a used car. If you are able to donate to MVS, please contact Jesse Graber at [mvskansascity@gmail.com](mailto:mvskansascity@gmail.com).

## September 2, 2018

Attendance.....	102
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	4
General Fund .....	\$ 5,509.60
Other Donations .....	\$ 122.73
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,632.33</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Sep 9	Fall Sunday School Begins	10:50am
		Safe Sanctuary Training	11:00am
		Sunday School Teacher Lunch	11:45am
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	Symposium Committee Meeting	6:00pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Sep 15	Ortman/Stoltzfus Adoption Celebration	2:00pm
		Sr High Retreat	5:00pm

### Next Week

Sunday	Sep 16	Final Safe Sanctuary Training	11:00am
		Youth Parent Lunch Meeting	11:45am
Monday	Sep 17	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Sep 18	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Sep 19	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

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\*Rainbow Mennonite Church is the host congregation for Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have three volunteers living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary volunteers are joined by an associate MVS resident and longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Rainbow Mennonite Church (Sept-Oct) and Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (Nov-Aug) (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)

Eba Goshu ~ Connecting for Good (elemes200@caledonian.ac.uk)

Paul Zehr, Associate ~ Where the Redfearn Grows Farm (paul.zehr74@gmail.com)