

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 16, 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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Greeters are **George Melby and Jake Beachey**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg and Kate Brubacher**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Remembering in Prayer...

Lonabelle Yoder, former and long-time member of Rainbow Mennonite Church, passed away Sunday, September 2. Condolences may be sent to James Yoder

This Morning at Rainbow

- **WorshipArts Begins 10:25am**
- **Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50am**
- **Adult Sunday School 10:50am**
 - *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**

A final 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. 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.
- **Youth Parent Lunch Meeting 11:45am**

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

Did you know that starting this week and continuing through October 11, Rainbow will be housing a traveling educational exhibit curated by Kauffman Museum? This exhibit is called "**Sorting Out Race: Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations.**" It will be free and open to the public weekdays 9 am-4 pm or by special appointment. Groups welcome. Please help spread the word. We could use four volunteers to help with installation starting at 7:30pm tomorrow evening. Please contact the church office if you can help: 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

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

There will be a **parent meeting** at noon today with lunch provided for parents and youth. We will go over our calendar for the upcoming year, answer any questions, fill out the waiver form, and sign up for the Junior High Breakfast or Senior High Lunch. This meeting is important in organizing for the upcoming year. If for some reason you cannot make it please contact Terry Rouse at youth@rainbowmennonite.org

The **Junior High will have a retreat** and lock in starting at 5:00pm on Saturday September 22. We will also be heading out to explore as the first activity so let me know if you cannot make it by 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Terry Rouse at youth@rainbowmennonite.org once you know whether your youth can make it or not.

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.*

Community News

After a summer hiatus, the **Next Chapter KC** forums will resume on Tuesday, September 25, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd Street, KCKS. Lauren Jilek, with Partners for Primary Care, will speak on the topic of "Habits of Happy People." The presentation will focus on our habits and how they can affect our happiness. There is no charge, but registrations help us plan for refreshments and setup. You may register online at www.eventbrite.com or contact Karen Hostetler. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) News*

Thanks to many generous donations and pledges from RMC members, we were able to purchase a great new (to us) MVS car. Thank you so much for making this possible. If you pledged towards the car, please get the check to the church office or to Jesse Graber.

*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)

September 9, 2018

Attendance.....	159
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2
General Fund	\$ 4,050.00
Other Donations	\$ 229.84
Total Offering	\$ 4,279.84

This Week

Sunday	Sep 16	Final Safe Sanctuary Training	11:00am
		Youth Parent Lunch Meeting	11:45am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Monday	Sep 17	Kauffman Exhibit Installation	7:30pm
		Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Sep 18	Kauffman Exhibit Installation	9:00am
		Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday	Sep 19	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Sep 22	Jr High Retreat	5:00pm

Next Week

Tuesday	Sep 25	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Sep 26	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Friday	Sep 28	Symposium Begins	7:00pm
Saturday	Sep 29	Symposium	8:00am