

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 23, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Lori Lichty**. 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, Leah Schwarz and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for our upcoming churchwide Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives, which will be held at the church on Sept. 28-30. Pray especially for committee members as they finish preparations and for our keynote speaker Dr. Jalane Schmidt and our other workshop speakers as they prepare to share with us. Finally, we invite you to pray about how to ready your own mind, body, heart, and spirit and that those who attend would hear and receive understanding from God, from our presenters, and from other attendees.

This Morning at Rainbow

- This morning we will recognize **Peace Sunday** in worship. September 21 is designated by the United Nations as the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Churches of many denominations around the world will be joining together, praying for peace.
- **WorshipArts Begins (K-5th Grade) 10:25am**
- **Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**
- **Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**
 - *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

Consider Confront Change...A message from the Visual Arts Committee:

In designing the symposium logo and the banner for the front of 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

Rainbow is housing a traveling educational exhibit curated by Kauffman Museum through October 11. 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. Special thanks to the following underwriters whose contributions allowed us to host this exhibit: Cross-Lines and Hoa Kim Vo Memorial Fund.

A Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives - Consider, Confront, Change September 28-30

The Symposium Planning Committee is thrilled that over 100 people are registered for next weekend's activities. Registrations can still be made and walk-in registrations will be accepted. However, space is limited for a few of the workshops and for meals, and preference will be given to those who have pre-registered. There is plenty of room in the sanctuary for all of the keynote presentations. Here are several reminders:

- The movie *Ruby Bridges* will be shown on Friday evening. A brief description is available on the online conference schedule. Childcare will not be provided for this event, but is available for Saturday's activities.
- Worship services will be held as usual on Sunday, September 30. The congregation is welcome to attend whether or not persons are registered for the symposium.
- Donations for the weekend are significantly behind what was anticipated. To date, about \$550 has been received towards a budgeted amount of \$2500. The suggested amount is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Contributions can be placed in the offering plate today or given next weekend during the symposium. If donating by check, be sure to put "symposium" on the memo line. Cash donations in the offering plate should be placed in an envelope and designated for the symposium. All this being said, we want people to feel welcome to attend regardless of ability to contribute.

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

Rainbow Garden Fundraiser! The garden has produced its usual bumper crop of tomatoes and peppers so it's time to fundraise by **selling pints of salsa after worship today**. For this batch I relied on the Favorite Canned Salsa recipe from *Simply in Season*. I have 12 pints for sale on a donation basis. - Aaron Barnhart

FIDDLE, BANJO, GUITAR, MANDOLIN, HAMMERED DULCIMER, BASS? Tuesday, October 9 from 7-9pm, The Quasi Brothers will host an opportunity for tunes and songs in the sanctuary. All are welcome, invite your neighbors; there's no charge - just a time to share music in the "Old Time String Band" genre. Questions? Contact Jesse Graber or Steve Goeke.

The Whitmore playground committee is looking for a volunteer to re-shingle the picnic shelter roof in the playground. The shingles would be supplied. Please contact Darin Kaufman if interested.

Community Events

The UnPlaza Art Fair is today from 10:00am-5:00pm at South Moreland Park, between Oak and Warwick, west of Nelson Atkins Art Museum. This fair benefits PeaceWorks and local artists including Stitching Change, a grassroots organization of refugee women learning to sew who make products, many from re-purposed materials. Please contact Marsha Rhoads with any questions you may have.

The **Next Chapter KC** forums will resume on Tuesday, September 25, from 6-7:30pm 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." 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.

The Fair Trade Rugs are Coming to Ten Thousand Villages, 7947 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66204, October 4-8, 2018. Event Hours: Thu 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 12-4, Mon 10-6. All sizes with classic to contemporary designs, durable, pet friendly, fade resistant, exceptional handknotted heirloom quality. The purchase of one rug feeds a family for 1 year. Flyers are available on the Wesley Room table. Ask a Ten Thousand Villages board member for additional information: Clif Hostetler, Keith Yarwood and Jerry Jantz.

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) News*

Thanks to many generous donations and pledges from RMC members, we were able to purchase a 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.

September 16, 2018

Attendance.....	177
Visitors (included in attendance count)	13
General Fund	\$ 5,291.00
Other Donations	\$ 816.07
Total Offering	\$ 6,107.07
Online Giving August 2018	\$ 3,487.85

This Week

Sunday	Sep 23	Gifts Discernment Committee Meeting	11:40am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
Monday	Sep 24	Sorting Out Race Exhibit Opening Day	9:00am
		RPAC Meeting	4:00pm
		SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Sep 25	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Sep 26	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 27	Symposium Planning Committee Meeting	6:00pm
		Christmas Program Planning Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Sep 28	Church Symposium Begins	7:00pm
Saturday	Sep 29	Church Symposium	8:00am

Next Week

Tuesday	Oct 2	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 3	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Oct 4	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

*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)

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