

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## October 28, 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 join us for coffee and donuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Visitors and newcomers, please look for the Rainbow Connections Table!

Today's ushers are **David Becker and David Bluford**. Greeters are **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. 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 to age four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Karen Uhlenhuth, Kendric Beachey and Abigail Grittman**.

Closing Trustee: **Brad Grittman**

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- From The Schrag Family: *On Wednesday, Janelle Schrag had a lung tissue biopsy to determine a path for treatment of possible fibrosis in her lungs. We'd be grateful for prayers as we navigate through the uncertainty that could lie ahead.*
- Please pray for George Melby as he recovers at home after spending several days in the hospital this past week.

### This Morning at Rainbow

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- **WorshipArts (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Announcements

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**Rainbow Engagement Survey:** Please let the church know of the ways you would like to engage in our community by completing the Rainbow Engagement Survey no later than October 31. The survey can be found online at <http://rainbowmennonite.org/connect/gifts-discernment/> or in recent midweek emails.

## **Remembering Frank Ward, long-time pastor of Rainbow:**

- **Sunday, November 4 from 11:45 am-noon:** All are invited to a Remembrance Garden Gathering to place an engraved brick in honor of Frank.
- **Monday, November 5 from 5:30-9 pm:** Frank's wife Margaret would like to invite everyone to a movie and meal night at Vox Theatre (across the street from Rainbow) in honor of what would have been Frank's 90th birthday. After supper we will watch *Coco*, the animated film about Día de Los Muertos. We ask everyone to RSVP (link in midweek email) so we know how much food to order.

**Young Adults of Rainbow!** We've had a bit of a hiatus, but it's once again time for the **Rainbow Mennonite Young Adult Group** to do fun things together! Our upcoming event is a **Fall Progressive Dinner** on **Saturday, November 10th** starting at 6PM. We'll begin the evening at the MVS house for appetizers and carpool to our remaining two locations. Stop #2 will feature a yummy main course at Aaron and Diane Barnhart's house (3808 Genessee) and Stop #3 will conclude our evening with a delicious dessert at Ruth and Jesse's abode (4408 Adams St). If you are a member of the Rainbow Mennonite Young Adult Facebook Group, check out and sign up for the event there! If you don't have Facebook or have any questions or concerns, send an email to Christina Hofer.

**Cross-Lines Christmas Store** allows 500 area families the opportunity to shop for Christmas. After paying a small dignity fee, families can select clothing, toys, household items, and food. Since the beginning of the Christmas Store in 1968, Rainbow Mennonite Church has been responsible for the food section of the store, while other churches are responsible for other items. The Christmas Store is located at 736 Shawnee, Kansas City, KS. Whether it's with your time or your funds, you can experience the joy of contributing to this great cause! Here are ways you can help:

- Volunteers are needed to sort items before the store opens and to staff the store while customers shop, from December 3-8. Sign up to volunteer by contacting Annie Jones or Keith Jantz.
- Contribute containers of canned tuna, peanut butter or Bisquick. Please bring these items to Rainbow no later than November 18.
- Consider making a cash donation. Contribute online through Rainbow's website or make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church, designated for "Cross-Lines Christmas Store"

**Daylight saving time** ends next Sunday, November 4! Remember to turn you clocks back one hour Saturday night!

## Youth News

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This afternoon there will be a Youth / Mentor Lunch beginning at noon.

## Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) Update\*

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**Thank you to everyone who contributed to our MVS Bake Sale Fundraiser!** These funds will cover our transportation costs for our retreat. The MVS retreat is in Chicago from today through Thursday, Nov 1. This is a national retreat where all of the MVSers gather together for a week, dividing our time between worship, getting to know each other and spending some time reflecting on our MVS terms and assignments. This year, DOOR will be hosting the retreat and we will be staying at the First Church of the Brethren in East Garfield Park.

**From Hanna Hochstetler:** *I ended my MVS temporary term at Rainbow on October 26, 2018. After returning from the retreat in Chicago, I will start a year-long MVS assignment at the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund on November 5, 2018. At MFAF, I will help with the teen program, and provide some Spanish interpretation for medical appointments. I am excited about this transition but am sad to leave the staff at Rainbow! I plan to continue to work with the youth throughout the rest of the year and will find ways to stay plugged in with everything happening around the church. Thank you all for your support so far! Prayers would be appreciated as I begin this transition to a new placement.*

## Community Events

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World's Window is once again collecting women's and children's coats and sweaters for Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence shelter. Needed are new and GENTLY-used, clean coats and sweaters. Donations can be dropped off at World's Window in Brookside. If you prefer to bring donations to the church, please let Jan or Lonnie Buerge know so they can coordinate pick-up. Donations will be accepted through November 8.

Over the **next two weeks**, the **Kansas/Missouri DREAM Alliance** (led by and for undocumented immigrant youth) invites allies to **canvass** with them at **various locations** around the KC Metro to energize Latinx voters in advance of next month's elections. Each event will begin with a training and end with a free dinner; volunteers will also receive a T-shirt and swag bag. Contact Kimberly Hunter.

## October 21, 2018

Attendance.....	161
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	16
General Fund .....	\$ 6,299.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 6,312.76
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 12,611.76</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Oct 28	Youth / Mentor Lunch	12:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 30	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	Oct 31	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

### Next Week

Sunday	Nov 4	All Saints Day	
		Frank Ward Remembrance Garden Gathering	11:45am
Monday	Nov 5	Frank Ward BBQ and Movie at Vox Theatre	5:30pm
Tuesday	Nov 6	Election Day	
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 7	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 8	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Nov 9	RDA Retreat at Rainbow	8:00am
Saturday	Nov 10	Youth Cinnamon Rolls	6:00pm

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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 ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (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)