

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 28, 2019

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to 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!

This morning's ushers are **Jana Graham and Kent Moore**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Please ask 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 is located on the second floor of the education wing and is available for children from birth to age 4. Nursery workers are **Dick and Brenda Tatro and Owyn Parsons**. Closing trustee is **Clif Hostetler**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Marsha Rhoads thanks all who have offered concern for her sister Melisa Synness after her diagnosis of breast cancer and her surgery. Melisa is doing well and has a very optimistic view for her future.
- Remember in prayer those in our community who are living in fear of ICE raids. Please pray that the politicians and ICE agents recognize and honor the sanctity of life in all people. Consider praying and acting specifically for Florencio Millan who was pulled out of the car he was driving by immigration agents and the Kansas City Police Department. For more information, please connect with the KC Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) and follow them on Facebook.

This Morning at Rainbow

This morning our guest preacher is Michelle Armster, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States Executive Director. She is a graduate of Sterling College with a degree in Speech/Theatre Arts and has a Masters of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Prior to her work with MCC Central States she worked as Associate and Co-Pastor of multiple churches, MCC Office on Justice and Peacebuilding Co-Director, and Director of Mennonite Conciliation Services.

Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am Michelle Armster will give a Mennonite Central Committee report and lead a discussion in the sanctuary. (No additional/separate activities planned for children and youth.)

Announcements

All are invited to a baby shower for Haley and Bruce Rushing today at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Amazon and Target.

The Outreach Committee will host a family night of magic and comedy on Friday, August 2, at 7:00pm, featuring Tom Burgoon, a Kansas City-based professional magician. We hope to welcome many neighborhood and community people into our building for a super-entertaining evening of fun for all ages. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!



During second hour next Sunday, August 4, we plan to celebrate Terry Rouse in honor of the work he has done as a staff member at Rainbow both as Maintenance Coordinator and Interim Youth Ministries Director over the past three years.

Imagine God! will be the theme of our Vacation Bible School Day on August 17 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Activities will include music, bible storytelling, drama, and art. It is open to all preschool through 5th grade persons. Please RSVP through the link in the midweek email.

Save the date - August 18 will be our annual backpack back-to-school blessing. Remember to bring your backpacks, satchels, purses, messenger bags, briefcases, and fanny packs. There will be enough blessings for all!

Mennonite Central Committee is placing a volunteer at Della Lamb, a refugee resettlement organization here in Kansas City, through the IVEP International Volunteer Exchange Program. Della Lamb is looking for a host family to house this volunteer from mid-August 2019 through June 2020. If you are interested in hosting, please see the midweek email for more information.

If you would like to provide a meal for Melissa and Nick Schroeder and their family to support them as they anticipate having a baby soon, please see the midweek for a sign up link.

Staff Updates

- Pastor Ruth is out of town this weekend, returning to the office Tuesday, July 30.
- Mark Bartholomew is out of the through July 31.
- Ben Parker Sutter is out of the office through July 31.

Staff transitions ahead...

- On August 1, Ben Parker Sutter will begin his 10 hour a week staff role as Outreach Ministries Coordinator.
- On August 12, Sarah Neher will begin her 30 hour a week staff role as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries.
- These changes also mean that Terry Rouse will be stepping down (and retiring....again) from his Interim role as Youth Coordinator. Thank you Terry! Please note the previously announced celebration/thank you for Terry happening on August 4 during the Sunday School hour.

Mennonite Voluntary Service House (MVS) News

This past Thursday, the MVS house welcomed a new MVS Associate, Evan Yoder. Evan will be living in the MVS house for one month while he takes a class at KU Medical Center. On August 1, Sarah Tomas Morgan and Joe Lemna will move out of the MVS house, but each plan to stick around Kansas City.

July 21, 2019

Attendance.....	129
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 17,741.55
Other Donations	\$ 1608.00
Total Offering	\$ 19,349.55

This Week

Sunday	Jul 28	Haley & Bruce Rushing Baby Shower	3:00pm
Tuesday	Jul 30	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jul 31	Church Floor Cleaning - Tile	
Thursday	Aug 1	Church Floor Cleaning - Carpets	
Friday	Aug 2	Ice Cream Social & Magic Show	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 4	Terry Rouse Retirement Celebration	10:30am
Tuesday	Aug 6	Primary Election Day at Rainbow	
		Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation hosts Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have one volunteer and three MVS associates living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary residents are joined by longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund
Sarah Tomas Morgan, MVS Associate ~ Jewish Vocational Services
Joe Lemna, MVS Associate ~ Rainbow Summer Program
Evan Yoder, MVS Associate ~ Medical School Student