

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 11, 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 **Jan Good-Bollinger, Karen Uhlenhuth and Lia Uhlenhuth**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Kate Brubacher, Tanya Ortman and Joel Bollinger**. Closing trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Please keep Nancy Grittman in your prayers as she had left knee replacement surgery on August 5 at KC Orthopaedic Institute and as she continues her rehab therapy.

Please join in a prayer of thanks for Rainbow member and hospital chaplain, Dave Richardson Spaite, as he was recently granted ministerial credentials from Western District Conference (WDC). Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider will join us this morning to lead a brief licensing service for Dave.

Markus Groebner requests prayers for his friend and coworker, Angelia 'Angie' Ward. Angie has struggled for years with severe spinal stenosis in her lumbar spine and now has stenosis in her cervical spine. She will meet with a neurosurgeon on August 20 to avoid/prevent full paralysis.

Thank you for the cards, comments, and wishes expressed at my retirement celebration. The bike powered ice cream machine was amazing. The reworded Rainbow song was delightful. And the slide show reminded me why I don't take selfies. It has been a blessing to be a part of this community and in particular, to have an opportunity to work with the youth over the years. I look forward to being a part of the future of this church and growing in new directions. ~ Terry Rouse

This Morning at Rainbow

Worship 9:30am

Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am

All are invited to a brief gathering at the Remembrance Garden following worship this morning. Engraved bricks will be placed in honor of Bill Goodman (1944-2019) and Muriel Stackley (1937-2011).

Announcements

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 link in the midweek email.

Next Sunday!

- 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!
- Welcome Sarah Neher, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries! Let's welcome Sarah by gathering for a potluck during second hour on Sunday, August 18. Please bring a dish to share and consider bringing your own table service to reduce waste.

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 training. We ask all Deacons and Church Council members to attend as well, per our policy. Training sessions will be offered these following Sundays during the Second Hour at 10:50 am: August 25, September 1, and September 8. There will also be a Wednesday evening session offered on August 28, time to be determined. The youth and children will have their own session to review our safe sanctuary practices on Sunday, September 8.

Interviewers needed! The Welcoming Committee intends to expand the Rainbow Connections library, a collection of stories about friends and members of Rainbow started last year. If you want to get to know someone at Rainbow a little better, please consider volunteering to interview that person for Rainbow Connections. If you would like to be interviewed, or to submit a story from your own life, that's welcome, too. The Committee can provide direction, assistance with editing and submission to the

library. Please contact Gail Goeke to volunteer or for more information. The link to Rainbow Connections is on the church website.

From RMC Deacons: One of our responsibilities is to administer the **Deacons' Fund**, an above-budget fund that helps us respond to physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of members and friends, particularly in situations where there is financial hardship. The fund is primarily generated by above-budget offerings made payable to RMC and designated "Deacons' Fund." Our hope is to increase our fund balance over the next few weeks. Therefore, please consider making a donation.

We celebrate the arrival of Jonah Kim Schroeder to Melissa and Nick on August 6. If you would like to provide a meal for Melissa and Nick and their family, please see the midweek for a sign up link.

Stan and Kelli McClurg welcomed Elsie Louise to the family on July 27. Harvey is enjoying his role as a big brother.

Rainbow Young Adult Women -- We're trying something different this month! Avenues Bistro in Brookside has awesome Ladies Night specials all Tuesday long. Let's gather a group of women and enjoy supper, drinks, or dessert (your choice). Meet there at 7:30pm on Tuesday, August 13th. Check Facebook or email Christina with any questions!

Staff Updates

On August 12, Sarah Neher will begin her 30 hour a week staff role as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries.

August 4, 2019

Attendance.....	154
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 4,437.60
Other Donations	\$ 125.00
Total Offering	\$ 4,562.60

This Week

Sunday	Aug 11	Remembrance Gathering	10:50am
Tuesday	Aug 13	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Rainbow Young Adult Women	7:30pm
		(Avenues Bistro, 338 W 63rd St, KC MO 64113)	
Wednesday	Aug 14	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa)	
Saturday	Aug 17	Vacation Bible School	9:30am

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 18	Welcoming Potluck for Sarah Neher	10:30am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
Tuesday	Aug 20	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Aug 21	Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	Aug 22	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation hosts Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have one volunteer and one MVS associate 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
Evan Yoder, MVS Associate ~ Medical School Student