

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## September 15, 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 **Andy Toews and Mitch Kaufman**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, use of a large-print hymnal, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery, available for children from birth to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Karla Leuenberg, Debra Sapp-Yarwood and Elaine Yarwood**. Closing trustee is **Clif Hostetler**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Congratulations to parents Haley and Bruce Rushing on the birth of their baby girl, Hazel Rushing, born Wednesday, September 4.

*Thank you for the many expressions of care and concern for Clif following his recent bicycle accident. It meant a lot to us, lifted our spirits, and has encouraged us throughout his ongoing healing process. ~ Clif, Karen, and Rachel Hostetler*

*Thank You! Your prayers and concerns have been uplifting while recovering from back surgery. Boredom best describes 3 weeks of bed rest, so please come visit! Please call ahead for driveway work update and parking. I look forward to reconnecting in church around the end of September. Smiles to all, Claire Zehner*

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### This Morning at Rainbow

- **Worship 9:30am** We continue a worship and sermon series on Matthew 5-7, known as the Sermon on the Mount. New Testament Scholar Mary Schertz says, "Congregations in the Anabaptist/Mennonite traditions have long held that living out the Sermon on the Mount is doable and that, furthermore, it is our calling." That being said, she also suggests we cannot do this on our own and that we need voluntary and visible communities in which there is mutual accountability in order to make this Sermon a way of life.
- **WorshipArts (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)** 10:30 – 10:55am (Rainbow Room)
- **Sunday School for all ages 10:50 – 11:45am** (Adult class options listed on back)

## Announcements

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The Peace and Social Justice Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 19th @ 6:30pm at Rainbow.

On September 29 following the second hour (11:50 am), all are invited to a Remembrance Garden Inurnment gathering in honor of long-time Rainbow member, Marjorie Jantz. Note: September 12 marked the 5th anniversary of Marjorie's death.

As part of our current worship series on Matthew 5-7, Jeff Janzen's grandfather, Vernon Janzen, will join us for worship and then recite the Sermon on the Mount by memory during the second hour on Sunday, October 6. This will be Vernon's 135th time reciting this sermon by memory since he started doing this in 1975!

The children and youth Sunday School classes Preschool through Senior High will be donating offering funds for Camp Mennoscah this fall. Please remind students to consider supporting Camp Mennoscah through Sunday School offerings.

**Join us for lunch with your mentor / youth noon-1pm on September 29!** This will be an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Ashton Wells so she knows how much food to purchase.

BikeMS for 2019 is September 28 -29! Rainbow has traditionally shown strong support for this worthy cause, especially because of our special tie to it via the Penner family. If you'd like to donate, visit <http://tinyurl.com/KDB-BikeMS>

"Parables", the Goshen College Worship Team, will come to our church Monday evening, October 14, at 7:00pm, as part of their fall tour. They will be bringing a worship experience which includes music, drama, faith stories, and congregational participation. We are asked to provide an evening meal and overnight lodging for eight students and one adult leader. Please contact Nancy Bosché ([nancybosche@yahoo.com](mailto:nancybosche@yahoo.com)), chair of the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee, if you are willing to help with hosting the group.

It is time to reorganize Rainbow's small groups! Mark your calendar for a Small Group Kick Off on Sunday, October 20 after second hour. More details to come.

Our next congregational meeting will be October 27. Please mark your calendars.

## **Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) News**

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Update from MVS Board: Recently we learned that we won't have any new volunteers placed in Kansas City this school year. We request prayers as we discern our future with MVS, especially given some of the proposed changes coming out of the MVS national office. We also request prayers for Hanna as she finishes her VS term at the end of October.

Ten folks from Rainbow will visit Hanna Hochstetler, our MVSer, at the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund tomorrow to volunteer for the evening. We'll assist with their weekly food distribution for migrant and seasonal farmworkers here for the fall harvest season. If you're planning to attend but haven't let Ben Parker Sutter know, please talk to him TODAY.

Save your paper grocery bags! The Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund (MFAF) will re-use them for food distributions. We are currently holding a weekly food distribution for migrant and seasonal farmworkers who are here for the fall harvest season; distributing between 100-180 food bags a week. Please contact Hanna Hochstetler at [hannakathleen.h@gmail.com](mailto:hannakathleen.h@gmail.com) if you have bags to donate. Thank you!

## **Youth News**

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- This afternoon at 12pm, Fellowship Hall, Youth Parent Meeting Lunch
- Sunday, September 15th, Noon, Youth Room, Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch
- Sunday, September 22nd, 4-8pm at Jonathan and Emily Wiebe's home, Youth Group Kick-off (both Jr. & Sr. High)

## **Community News**

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A "Social Justice Revival," featuring Shane Claiborne as the keynote speaker, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo. (100 Red Bridge Road), on Sunday afternoon, September 22, from 3:00-5:30. The keynote will be first with mini-workshops from 4:15-5:00 led by local ministries that do poverty work, and then there will be Q&A with Shane for the last half hour. This will be an opportunity to build relationships and network with others in the Kansas City area who care about the poor.

## September 8, 2019

Attendance.....	173
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	10
General Fund .....	\$ 5,990.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 942.85
<b>Total Sept 8 Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,932.85</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Sep 15	Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Jr & Sr High Youth and Parent Lunch	12:00pm
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
Tuesday	Sep 17	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Sep 18	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 19	Peace& Social Justice Committee Meeting	6:30pm

### Next Week

Sunday	Sep 22	Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:50am
		Sr & Jr High Kick Off	4:00pm
Monday	Sep 23	Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Sep 24	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Sep 25	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa)	
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 26	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

### Fall Quarter Adult Education Class Options:

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***The Nickel Boy, a novel by Colson Whitehead***

Facilitator: Dale Graham, Library

***The View of Life: Completing the Darwinian Revolution, by David Sloan Wilson***

Facilitators: Darrell Wiens and Phillip Rhoads, Sunflower Room

***Thirty True Things Everyone Needs to Know now, by Leroy Seat***

Facilitators: Leroy Seat and Clif Hostetler, Room 111

***Worship and Sermon Discussion***

Rotating Facilitators, Wesley Room