

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 13, 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 **Jimmy Griffin and Jerry Jantz**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Becca Claassen**. 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 **Heidi Braun and Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Please pray for Betty Jean Bodine as she receives rehabilitation care at Bishop Spencer Place following a recent hospitalization.
- We request prayers for Hanna Hochstetler as she finishes her VS term at the end of October. She will remain in KC and continue to work with Migrant Farmworkers.
- **Update on 2303 S Early Street house:** Due to several factors, including maintenance issues and no new Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) participants, Rainbow Church Council voted to temporarily close the house to all residents/renters beginning November 15, 2019. Please join in praying for the local MVS Support Board and national MVS staff/office as they evaluate the long-term viability of MVS in Kansas City.

This Morning at Rainbow

- **Worship 9:30am** Child Dedication for Nora Lyn Schwarz
- **WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:30 – 10:55am** (Rainbow Room)
- **Sunday School for all ages 10:50 – 11:45am** (Adult class options listed on back)

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is an international NGO with over 65 years of experience using business to create sustainable, empowering solutions to poverty. MEDA staff Vanessa Hofer (sister to Christina Hofer) will be available during the Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall for questions and conversation.

At 4:00pm, Vanessa invites young professionals to Boulevard Brewing Company for an informal "next gen" MEDA meetup. If you're under 40 and curious what MEDA is and does, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

This afternoon is the CROP Hunger Walk in Kansas City. While there will not be a coordinated "TEAM RAINBOW" group for the CROP Walk this year, we would encourage you to still donate and walk on your own or with a small group of Rainbow youth this afternoon for this great cause. If you would like to support the youth team you may do so at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/RainbowYouth>.

Announcements

Tomorrow at Rainbow, 7:00pm... The Goshen College Parables will be presenting a special service of music, drama and faith stories entitled "Following the Call." The Parables is a small auditioned ensemble of seven Goshen College students who sing and play a variety of instruments. The group is under the direction of Marcia Yost, Goshen College Director of the Arts. The Parables presentation is a collection of music and drama that is vibrant and well-received by all ages.

Small groups will start their new year on October 20 with a lunch and get-acquainted time. Meet your new friends and make plans for the coming year.

Thanks to memorial gifts given in honor of John and Kathleen Bush, we recently purchased and installed new Wesley Room chairs. The previously used Wesley Room chairs are available on a first-come-first-serve basis and for a monetary donation. Thank you to those who have already donated! The last 21 chairs are in the Fellowship Hall. Chairs not claimed by October 20 will be donated to another church.

TUESDAY TUNES RETURNING TO RAINBOW! On October 22, from 7-9pm, all are welcome to join the Quasi Brothers, guest players and others interested in playing and listening to old time string band tunes and songs. The music will be in Rainbow's sanctuary; there is no charge - just come and listen or take part.

Our next congregational meeting will be Sunday, October 27 following a noon potluck. The agenda will include a vote to renew Pastor Ruth's pastoral contract.

Sunday November 3 will be Cross-Lines Sunday. The theme for the day will be Crosslines, Chiefs, and Chili. We will be collecting food items as well as financial donations to purchase items for the food section of the Cross-Lines Christmas Store. After the second hour we will be serving a chili dinner while live streaming the Chief's game in fellowship hall. There will also be a silent auction. So bring your food donations, check books, and appetites November 3.

The Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund (MFAF) is 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 consider donating the following items by bringing them to the church office where Hanna Hochstetler, MVSer currently serving at MFAF, can pick them up.

- Blankets, Plastic bottles (not frozen) of orange juice or apple juice, Boxes of granola bars, Brown paper bags for our food bags

Youth News

Youth who RSVPed for the CROP Walk will meet in the youth room after Sunday School. We will go out for lunch, covered by the youth group, then head to the walk. Check-in is at 12:30, the walk begins at 2:00, and it's estimated that we will return to the church around 4:00 for pick-up.

Senior high youth are invited to attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Divide, Colorado, the weekend of February 14-16. The weekend will be full of singing and worshipping, sliding down the tube run, playing broom hockey, and exploring the beautiful scenery around the camp. We will leave early Friday morning and return late Sunday night. The youth will be responsible for a \$25 deposit and will need to provide money for two meals and a sack lunch. The deadline for the deposit has been extended to December 1st. If the deposit is a barrier for a youth attending or you have questions please talk with Sarah Neher! For more details see <https://rmmc.org/senior-high-snow-camp>

Community News

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other. With awareness of this huge need, World's Window is hosting their annual coat and sweater drive for Rose Brooks Center. New and nearly new, clean women's and children's coats and sweaters are needed and accepted through Nov 10. Consider joining in this tangible way to say, "This community is saying 'no' to domestic violence." Drop off donations at World's Window or give to Jan or Lonnie Buerge at church.

Join us to meet Rich Maxwell, and to learn about and play marbles! The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, October 22 will focus on "Making It More About Marbles." In his retirement and next chapter, Rich Maxwell, a former elementary school teacher, has organized several after-school marble clubs for kids, presented at senior facilities, and he also collects marbles and builds tracks and games. Attendees are welcome to bring marbles for appraisal. See this coming midweek email for details.

October 6, 2019

Attendance.....	178
Visitors (included in attendance count)	13
General Fund	\$ 7,017.90
Other Donations	\$ 10,673.31
Total Offering	\$ 17,691.21
Online Giving (September).....	\$ 4,502.54

This Week

Sunday	Oct 13	CROP Walk	2:00pm
Monday	Oct 14	Goshen College Parables Performance	7:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 15	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 16	Small Group Committee Meeting	9:30am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Next Week

Sunday	Oct 20	Playground Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Small Group Kick Off Lunch	12:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 22	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Tuesday Tunes	7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 23	Women's Luncheon (7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa)	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Oct 24	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Fall Quarter Adult Education Class Options:

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