

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## October 20, 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 **David Bluford, Eric and Alex Jantzen**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Carol and Stan Buller, Eva Parsons**. Closing Trustee is **Steven Cress**.

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### 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.
- Please continue to pray for the future of this planet. The climate crisis impacts many issues important to our congregation and community: agricultural sustainability, immigration, racial and economic justice, the future of our children and youth, indigenous peoples' rights, physical health and emotional wellness, trauma and abuse, disaster response and more. To learn more about creation care and climate change from an Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective, check out: [mennocreationcare.org](http://mennocreationcare.org) and [sustainableclimatesolutions.org](http://sustainableclimatesolutions.org)

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### This Morning at Rainbow

**Worship 9:30am** Jude McCulley, speaker

**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)

Small groups will start their new year with pizza and get-acquainted time in the Fellowship Hall today at noon. Meet your new friends and make plans for the coming year!

This morning during coffee time in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a small bake sale of items from the Bethel College Fall Festival. Proceeds will benefit the youth.

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. Chairs not claimed today will be donated to another church.

## **Announcements**

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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.

**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.

Whitmore Playground Work Day, October 26, 8am - noon. Calling on volunteers to please join us in trimming bushes, weeding, railroad tie work, and general cleanup. Please bring extra clippers, extension cords, electric trimmers or sawzalls, if available.

Our next congregational meeting will be Sunday, October 27 following a noon potluck. Please note that during this meeting, members will vote by paper ballot on renewing Ruth's pastoral contract. To request an absentee ballot, please email Church Administrator Carrie Parsons ([office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)). All absentee ballots are due by noon on Friday, October 25.

In anticipation of All Saints Day on November 1st, everyone is invited to fill our "Memory Tree" with ribbons of names of loved ones who have died. You can write the names of beloved friends, family members and even 4-legged friends. The tree will be in the Fellowship Hall for the next 2 weeks and then up in our sanctuary on Sunday, November 3. ~ The Visual Arts Committee

## **Staff Updates**

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Sarah Neher will be out of the office October 23-27. Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office October 22-24. Ruth Harder will be out of the office October 23.

## Youth News

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This morning, 8:30-9:20am Junior High Breakfast; 11:00-12:30pm Senior High Lunch

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

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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, 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.

Saturday, October 26, 11am – 2pm, KU Medical Center and Rosedale Development Association will be hosting Healthy Halloween. All are invited and volunteers are needed! Interested volunteers, please see link in the midweek email to sign up! For details, please contact Alissa Workman at 913-677-5097 or [alissa@rosedale.org](mailto:alissa@rosedale.org).

Willing to volunteer to help paint the home of a Rosedale senior citizen? Reggie Oddum, a Rosedalian who does home repair work for seniors and people with disabilities, recently put new siding on a home and needs a small group (5-10 people) to finish painting it on the weekend of October 26-27th. All supplies (including paint sprayers) will be provided. Please contact Erin Stryka, Executive Director of RDA ([erin@rosedale.org](mailto:erin@rosedale.org) or 913-677-5097) for more information or to volunteer.

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.

## October 13, 2019

Attendance.....	155
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	20
General Fund .....	\$ 5,265.30
Other Donations .....	\$ 166.18
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,431.48</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Oct 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Small Group Kick Off Lunch	12:00pm
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
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
Saturday	Oct 26	Whitmore Playground Work Day	8:00am

### Next Week

Sunday	Oct 27	Congregational Potluck and Meeting	12:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 29	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Outreach Committee Meeting	3:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 30	Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

### 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