

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## August 19, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We 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 consider joining us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Look for the Welcome Table!

Today's ushers and greeters are **Dave, Janelle, Hannah and Larissa Schrag**. Please ask any of 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, for children birth - four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Liz Stamper, Barbara Baumgartner, and Abigail Gritman**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Dan and LeeAnn Duncan are traveling with family in southeast Asia. While in Singapore, Dan experienced a mild stroke. LeeAnn reports that they are receiving excellent care at Singapore National Hospital and will return home when the doctors give clearance to travel.

Leah Southard, granddaughter of Nancy Bosché and David Stewart, remains at Children's Mercy Medical Center experiencing a slow recovery from surgery and abdominal infections. Please keep Leah, her mother Wendy Southard, and their family in prayer.

Simone "Sese" Vernita Pauls was born to Nikki DeSimone Pauls and Brian Pauls on August 7. She joins big sister Yiyi and looks forward to the arrival of her other big sister, Leelee.

### **This Morning at Rainbow**

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The Faith Formation Board and Personnel Committee will host a Table Talk TODAY in the Sunflower Room after worship. One final Table Talk will be held next week, Aug 26. Please plan to attend one of these sessions to discuss and provide input for the future of Rainbow's Youth and Outreach Director position. A supervised activity for children will be available in The Wesley Room during this time.

## Announcements

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**Choir retreat: On Saturday, August 25,** Rainbow singers are invited to a time of singing and fellowship at Westport Presbyterian Church, 201 Westport Road in KCMO. This is a chance to learn with the choirs from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and Westport Presbyterian and to get in shape for choir season. We have engaged two great clinicians for the day, which will run from 9:30-3:00. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman for more info.

**Summer is almost over and it is time to celebrate with a picnic.** Come to Whitmore Playground August 25, between 6:00 and 8:00pm for food and fun. We will be grilling kosher hot dogs and a vegetarian option. There will also be baked beans and chips plus ice cream bars to cool you down. You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Activities include face painting, a cup cake walk, a photo booth and more.

### Fall Sunday School

- ◆ Third quarter Sunday school classes will be offered for all ages beginning on Sunday, September 9! Information about adult education options soon to come.
- ◆ **Save the Date! *Sunday School Teacher Lunch and Orientation Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>***! The Faith Formation Board is providing lunch and an orientation/resource session for all **Children/Youth Sunday School teachers** on Sunday, September 9th. Teachers, please put the date on your calendar and watch your email for a more detailed invitation. Most importantly, accept our thanks in advance for your commitment to the very worthwhile and rewarding endeavor of providing Sunday School leadership to our young congregants!

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. The youth and children will have their own session to review our safe sanctuary practices. *Please note that all congregants serving or volunteering with youth and children are required to participate in this short training. All Deacons and Church Council members should also attend.* Training sessions are offered on the following Sundays in September: September 9 (11 am) and September 16 (11 am).

One of the duties of the Deacons is to serve with the pastor in offering counsel, support, and participation regarding specific ministry situations as well as for the life and well-being of the congregation. If Rainbow members or friends wish to visit with any of the deacons, please feel free to contact us. The deacons include Richard VanDyke, Dave Stewart, Marsha Rhodes, Mike Peters, Leah Schwartz and Amy Kliewer.

The Rainbow Retreat Committee will be hosting “**A Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives – Consider, Confront, Change**” September 28 -30, 2018.

- ♦ Jalane Schmidt, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, will be our keynote speaker.
- ♦ See the midweek email for more information about the purpose of the symposium and to view the agenda. Registration will be available next week.
- ♦ Calling for volunteer **VIDEOGRAPHERS**: The Symposium Planning Committee needs volunteers for EACH workshop/breakout session on Saturday, 9/29/18. If you have a camcorder, a smart phone, or a tablet and would like more information, please see Philip Rhoads or Clif Hostetler. (There will be a small GIFT for each volunteer.)

Are you interested in formalizing your involvement at Rainbow through church membership? New members will be recognized in worship during an upcoming Sunday in September. If you would like more information, please contact Ruth at [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

## **Outreach Opportunities**

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For the past 6 years we have participated in the Harvester's BackSnacks program by packing and delivering food to Noble Prentis grade school. We currently need volunteers to deliver totes to the school anytime between 8:30am and 3:00pm one Friday each month. A van or SUV would be an ideal vehicle. Contact Ben Parker Sutter at [outreach@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) if you would like to help deliver.

Mennonite Voluntary Service has some amazing volunteers headed to Rainbow this month, but we are in need of another car. If you have a vehicle to donate please contact Jesse Graber at 316-283-0818 or [mvskansascity@gmail.com](mailto:mvskansascity@gmail.com)

Sophiya Dulal is from Nepal and will be serving through Mennonite Central Committee's International Volunteer Exchange Program working at Della Lamb Community Services in Kansas City, MO. She will be arriving in Kansas City on August 23, 2018 for her year of service with Mennonite Central Committee. A host family is needed to provide a private bedroom and serve as a bridge to: church, community, activities and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. Please contact the church office for more information if you are interested.

## Youth Updates

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There will be a final junior high event for this past year's Jr. High youth the evening of Saturday August 25. It begins with Picnic at the Playground. We will begin eating at 6:00pm. The whole family is invited to the picnic. At 6:45pm the Jr. High youth and sponsors will leave for a contra dance at St. Pauls Episcopal Day School. We should get back around 9:30. We attended the dance during last year's Jr.High Retreat and will be using the free passes they give to first time dancers so everything is free. If your child is coming please let me know so we can be sure to have enough sponsors and transportation to the dance.

## Staff News

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We welcome Mark Bartholomew, our new Maintenance Coordinator. Also at this time, Ben Parker Sutter has taken on the Interim Outreach Ministries Director position and Terry Rouse has transitioned to Interim Youth Ministries Director.

Pastor Ruth is currently out of the office, returning August 21. Please contact Deacon Amy Kliewer with pastoral concerns.

Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office this week, returning August 20.

## August 12, 2018

Attendance.....	181
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	4
General Fund .....	\$ 4,948.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 335.75
<b>Total Offering August 5.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,283.75</b>

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## This Week

Sunday	Aug 19	Faith Formation Board Table Talk	10:45am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:00am
Monday	Aug 20	First Day for Head Start Students	
Tuesday	Aug 21	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Thursday	Aug 23	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Aug 25	Choir Retreat	9:30am
		Picnic in the Park	6:00pm
		Jr High Contra Dance	6:45pm

## Next Week

Sunday	Aug 26	Final Faith Formation Board Table Talk	10:45am
Tuesday	Aug 28	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Aug 29	Women's Luncheon	11:00am