

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 4, 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 **Claire and Todd Zehner**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Debra Sapp-Yarwood, Elaine Yarwood and Natasha VanDyke**.

Closing trustee is **Brad Grittman**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Please keep Nancy Grittman in your prayers as she has left knee replacement surgery tomorrow at KC Orthopaedic Institute and as she continues 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 in worship on August 11 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.

This Morning at Rainbow

Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am

Celebrate Terry Rouse in honor of the work he has done as a staff member at Rainbow both as Maintenance Coordinator and Interim Youth Ministries Director over the past three years.



August 4, 2019 from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Announcements

All are invited to a brief gathering at the Remembrance Garden following worship next Sunday, August 11. Engraved bricks will be placed in honor of Bill Goodman (1944-2019) and Muriel Stackley (1937-2011).

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 the link in the midweek email.

Save the date - 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 brunch / potluck during second hour on Sunday, August 18. Please bring a dish to share and consider bringing your own table service to reduce waste.

If you would like to provide a meal for Melissa and Nick Schroeder and family as they anticipate having a baby soon, please see the midweek for a sign up link.

Mennonite Central Committee is placing a volunteer at Della Lamb, a refugee resettlement organization here in Kansas City, through the IVEP International Volunteer Exchange Program. Della Lamb is looking for a host family to house this volunteer from mid-August 2019 through June 2020. If you are interested in hosting, please see the midweek email for more information.

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.

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.

Staff Updates

- Ruth Harder will be out of the office August 5-9. The deacon on call will be Mike Peters.
- Carrie Parsons will be out of the office August 6-9. Thank you to Kay Schmidt who will be in the church office each morning from 9am – 12pm while Carrie is away. **Please note that the church office will be closed at noon during this time.**
- Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office August 8-11.

Staff transitions...

- On August 1, Ben Parker Sutter began his 10 hour a week staff role as Outreach Ministries Coordinator.
- On August 12, Sarah Neher will begin her 30 hour a week staff role as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries.

July 28, 2019

Attendance.....	128
Visitors (included in attendance count)	7
General Fund	\$ 7,064.00
Other Donations	\$ 2,105.00
Total Offering	\$ 9,165.00

This Week

Sunday	Aug 4	Terry Rouse Retirement Celebration	10:30am
Monday	Aug 5	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Aug 6	Primary Election Day at Rainbow Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Aug 8	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 11	Remembrance Gathering	10:50am
Tuesday	Aug 13	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Aug 14	Women's Luncheon (7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa)	11:00am
Saturday	Aug 17	Vacation Bible School	9:30am

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