

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 1, 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 **Eric and Alex Jantzen**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Jake and Kelsy Allison, Abigail Grittman**. Closing trustee is **David Becker**.

This Morning at Rainbow...

This morning we continue a worship and sermon series on Matthew 5-7, also 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. "The Sermon on the Mount," she says, "is not a rule book to be followed as closely as possible, line by line. The Sermon on the Mount is the thorn in our side and the rainbow in our sky, discomfiting and comforting by turn, but always calling us beyond our perspective to a more joyous and loving existence."

Second Hour, Safe Sanctuary Training 10:50 – 11:45am in the Sanctuary

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: This morning, September 1, and next Sunday, September 8. The youth and children will have their own session to review our safe sanctuary practices on Sunday, September 8.

Remembering in Prayer...

Clif Hostetler as he recovers from injuries sustained in a recent bicycle accident.

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass...It’s about learning to dance in the rain.” ~ Vivian Green *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! We recently moved and driveway construction continues however Todd is eager to show people around the new place and enjoys giving John Deere Gator rides for those interested. Please call ahead for driveway update and parking. A meal train website with easy suggestions is available through the church office. If recovery goes as planned, I look forward to reconnecting in church around the end of September. Literally bored stiff (no bending, twisting or lifting for 3 months). Smiles to all,* Claire Zehner

Announcements

There will be a Whitmore Playground Work Day on Sept 7 from 8am - noon. The playground committee would greatly appreciate the use of any wheelbarrows, scoops and bush trimmers anyone might be willing to lend.

The fall quarter Sunday School schedule will run from September 8 through November 24. Children and youth will kick off the year with safe sanctuary training in their classrooms and adult education options are listed below:

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

From Rosi Penner Kaufman: My favorite John Bell quote is, "Everyone can sing." I believe it. But sometimes it helps to practice and learn new ways of singing, and that's what we do in the Rainbow Choir. The bonus is that we also eat together and practice the art of fellowship. The first choir rehearsal is Wednesday, September 11 at 6:45, with a meal (\$5 donation) at 6:15. Childcare will be provided in the nursery during rehearsal - please talk to Rosi for more details.

Our next congregational meeting has been changed to October 27. Please mark your calendars.

The Outreach Committee is exploring the possibility of preparing and serving lunch at the Cross-Lines Food Kitchen. We would need volunteers to help with preliminary meal preparation which could be in an evening or after church, and then other volunteers to help finish preparing and then serving the meal from 10:30am to 1:30pm. The specific days are not set, but would be during the week. If this is of interest and you are able to help please contact Terry Rouse.

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>

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) News

Update from MVS Board: Recently we learned that we won't have any new volunteers placed in Kansas City this school year. Therefore, our main priority is to help our sole VS'er, Hanna Hochstetler, have a great last couple months at the VS house and at her placement. We request prayers as we discern our future with MVS, especially given some of the proposed changes coming out of the MVS national office.

Ever wonder what Hanna Hochstetler, our MVSer, does at Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund? Hanna is going to show us on Monday, September 16th when a group of Rainbownites will join her to volunteer for the evening. We will assist with their weekly food distribution for migrant and seasonal farmworkers who are here for the fall harvest season. We'll leave from Rainbow at 3pm and return about 8pm. Please RSVP to Ben Parker Sutter (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org).

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 if you have bags to donate. Thank you!

Youth News

Sept. 15th 12:00-1:00 Junior & Senior High Youth Parent Meeting (Lunch provided)

Staff Updates

- Rosi Penner Kaufman is out of town today.
- The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 2 for Labor Day.

August 25, 2019

Attendance.....	149
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 7,838.00
Other Donations	\$ 194.50
Total Offering	\$ 8,032.50

This Week

Sunday	Sep 1	Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
		Safety Team Meeting	10:50am
Tuesday	Sep 3	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Sep 4	Rainbow Sewing Group	9:00am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Sep 7	Whitmore Playground Work Day	8:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Sep 8	Final Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
Monday	Sep 9	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday	Sep 11	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Thursday	Sep 12	Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting	6:30pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation hosts Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have one volunteer living in the MVS house, serving with a local nonprofit, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. This temporary resident is joined by longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund