

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## September 8, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Greeters are **Melissa Schroeder and Laura Schmidt**. 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 **Barbara Baumgartner, Alison Unruh and Eva Parsons**. Closing trustee is **Steven Cress**.

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### **This Morning at Rainbow...**

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 10:50am – 11:45am**

- A final Safe Sanctuary training session will be offered in the sanctuary. 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.
- Safe Sanctuary training for children and youth in their classrooms.
- Adult Education: Fall quarter begins today. See class options on the next page...

***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 (Will begin September 15)***

Rotating Facilitators, Wesley Room

## **Remembering in Prayer**

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Congratulations to parents Haley and Bruce Rushing on the birth of their baby girl, Hazel Rushing, born Wednesday, September 4.

*Thank you so much for the many expressions of care and concern for Clif following his recent bicycle accident. It meant a lot to us, lifted our spirits, and has encouraged us throughout his ongoing healing process. ~ Clif, Karen, and Rachel Hostetler*

*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! Please call ahead for driveway work update and parking. 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**

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The children and youth Sunday School classes Preschool through Senior High will be donating offering funds for Camp Mennoscah this fall. Please remind students to consider supporting Camp Mennoscah through Sunday School offerings.

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, beginning September 18, will be provided in the nursery during rehearsal - please talk to Rosi for more details.

Next Sunday, September 15, we will join in witnessing the baptisms of Abigail Grittman and Jimmy Griffin. Let's join in prayer as they and we prepare for this special act of blessing and commitment.

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>

"Parables", the Goshen College Worship Team, will come to our church on Monday evening, October 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM, as part of their fall tour. They will be bringing a worship experience which includes music, drama, faith stories, and congregational participation. We are asked to provide an evening meal and overnight lodging for 8 students and 1 adult leader. Please contact Nancy Bosché, chair of the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee, if you are willing to help with hosting the group.

Our next congregational meeting will be 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.

### **Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) News**

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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](mailto: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

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- Sunday, September 15th, Noon, Fellowship Hall, Youth Parent Meeting Lunch
- Sunday, September 15th, Noon, Youth Room, Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch
- Sunday, September 22nd, 4-8pm, Location to be determined, Youth Group Kick-off (both Jr. & Sr. High)

### September 1, 2019

Attendance.....	142
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	2
General Fund .....	\$ 5,312.90
Other Donations .....	\$ 296.00
<b>Total Sept 1 Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,608.90</b>
<b>August Online Giving .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,083.28</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Sep 8	Final Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
Monday	Sep 9	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday	Sep 11	Women's Luncheon (7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa)	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 12	Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting	6:30pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

### Next Week

Sunday	Sep 15	Jr & Sr High Youth and Parent Lunch	12:00pm
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
Tuesday	Sep 17	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Sep 18	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm