

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

September 22, 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 **Karen Uhlenhuth, Lia Uhlenhuth and Jonathan Bollinger**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Barbara Baumgartner, Carol Buller and Madeline Bollinger**. Closing trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

This Morning at Rainbow... Mennonite World Council has designated today as Peace Sunday. This coincides with United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21. Today's choir anthem text was written by Carl Daw. As he describes it, "This hymn deals with two aspects of peace: *pax*, an understanding of peace based on the cessation of conflict, and *shalom*, the condition of living abundantly in harmony and mutual goodwill... Although this hymn affirms that peace is always God's gift, it also recognizes the importance of human responsibility in preparing an environment in which peace can flourish."

- **Worship 9:30am** We continue a worship and sermon series on Matthew 5-7, known as the Sermon on the Mount.
- **WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:30 – 10:55am** (Rainbow Room)
- **Sunday School for all ages 10:50 – 11:45am** (Adult class options listed on back)

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 in the Fellowship Hall for a monetary donation. After a couple weeks, any chairs not claimed will be donated to another local church or community. A suggested donation of \$10-100 per chair would be great! Proceeds will help cover the costs of purchasing the new Mennonite hymnal coming out in 2020! Put cash in envelope or checks designated "Wesley Room Chairs" in the church office or the offering plate.

Next Sunday at Rainbow

- Next week, following second hour (11:50 am), all are invited to a Remembrance Garden Inurnment gathering in honor of long-time Rainbow member, Marjorie Jantz. Note: September 12 marked the 5th anniversary of Marjorie's death.
- Katrina Poplett, a Rainbow congregant and staff member at the Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) in Kansas City, will be our guest preacher next Sunday. Katrina obtained her Master's in Restorative Justice at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, at Eastern Mennonite University in May of 2019. Originally from Minnesota, she has worked with multiple organizations as a certified mediator and a restorative justice facilitator within her communities. She assists with CCR programs in schools, prisons and neighborhoods.
- **Join us for lunch with your mentor / youth noon-1pm next Sunday!** This will be an opportunity for new mentor pairs to begin their relationship and ongoing mentor pairs to enjoy time together. Please communicate with your mentor / youth and RSVP to Ashton Wells so she knows how much food to purchase.
- 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>

Announcements

As part of our current worship series on Matthew 5-7, Jeff Janzen's grandfather, Vernon Janzen, will join us for worship and then recite the Sermon on the Mount by memory during the second hour on Sunday, October 6. This will be Vernon's 135th time reciting this sermon by memory since he started doing this in 1975!

It is time to reorganize **Rainbow's Small Groups!** See the midweek email to complete an online survey which the small group committee will use to best place you in a small group for the 2019-2021 term. You may also complete the survey found in the bulletin insert this morning and return it to the Small Groups mailbox. All surveys are due October 10. Mark your calendar for a Small Group Kick Off on Sunday, October 20 after second hour. More details to come.

Rainbow has a long history (40+ years!) of participating in the **CROP Hunger Walk** in Kansas City, an organization which works to end hunger in our community and around the world. While there will not be a coordinated "TEAM RAINBOW" group for the CROP Walk this year, we would encourage you to still donate and walk on your own for this great cause. The festivities on October 13th will begin at 12:45pm with registration, fun and games, and the Walk itself will begin at 2pm. Please donate to the Kansas City CROP Walk at crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo

"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. Thanks to those who volunteered, we have overnight accommodations for all the students. However, we still need a host for the director, Marcia Yost. Please contact Nancy Bosché if you are willing to sign up.

Our next congregational meeting will be October 27. Please mark your calendars.

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.

Youth News

- This afternoon, 4-8pm, at Jonathan and Emily Wiebe's House, Youth Group Kick-off (both Jr. & Sr. High)
- Sunday, September 29th, 12-1pm, Mentor Lunch, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 6th, Youth Group, more details to come
- Sunday, October 13th, CROP Walk, more details to come

Community News

A "Social Justice Revival," featuring Shane Claiborne as the keynote speaker, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo. (100 Red Bridge Road), this afternoon from 3:00-5:30. The keynote will be first with mini-workshops from 4:15-5:00 led by local ministries that do poverty work, and then there will be Q&A with Shane for the last half hour.

The Next Chapter KC forums will resume Tuesday, September 24. "Current Brain Theories Regarding Decision-Making and Free Will" will be presented by Sharon Lowenstein Poisner, J.D., Ph.D. Join us to get practical insight into how the intricate functioning of our brains affects our behavior. The forum will meet from 6 to 7:30pm at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd Street, Kansas City, KS. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information. There is no charge. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

September 15, 2019

Attendance.....	166
Visitors (included in attendance count)	11
General Fund	\$ 3,097.00
Other Donations	\$ 176.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,273.00

This Week

Sunday	Sep 22	Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:50am
		Sr & Jr High Kick Off	4:00pm
Monday	Sep 23	Safety Team Meeting	5:00pm
		SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Sep 24	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Sep 25	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa)	
		Outreach Committee Meeting	3:00pm
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Sep 26	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Sep 29	Remembrance Gathering	11:50am
		Mentor Lunch	12:00pm
Tuesday	Oct 1	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 2	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

Fall Quarter Adult Education Class Options:

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