

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

October 6, 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 **Darin and Kennedy Kaufman**. Greeters are **George Melby and Jake Beachey**. 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 **Dick and Brenda Tatro and Abigail Gritman**. Closing trustee is **Scott Weast**.

This Morning at Rainbow...

- **Worship 9:30am** This morning is World Communion Sunday, a day for international, ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. This tradition solidified in 1940, when the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor to National Council of Churches) endorsed the first Sunday in October as World Communion Sunday and began promoting it to Christian churches worldwide. Special thanks to Mitch Kaufman for making this morning's communion juice from grapes grown in the Rainbow Community Garden.
- **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) As part of our current worship series on Matthew 5-7, Jeff Janzen's grandfather, Vernon Janzen, will deliver a Memorized Dramatization of the Sermon on the Mount during second hour. This will be Vernon's 136th time reciting this sermon by memory since he started doing this in 1975! Please note that copies of Vernon's memoir, "The Exhilarating Life: Living by God-Given Principles," will be available for sale in Wesley Room.

Remembering in Prayer

- Elsie Zerger Kaufman, Gary Kaufman's mother and grandmother to Jennifer Borcharding, passed away September 24. She was born on May 18, 1918, over 101 years ago. Her funeral service at Eden Mennonite was this past Tuesday.

- Congratulations to Nick Hawkins, Dawn Araujo-Hawkins and big brother Calvin on the birth of baby girl, Lucy Ida Jean Hawkins, born September 26.
- Hanna Hochstetler as she finishes her VS term at the end of October.
- **Update on 2303 S Early Street house:** Due to several factors, including maintenance issues and no new Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) participants, Rainbow Church Council voted to temporarily close the house to all residents/renters beginning November 15, 2019. Please join in praying for the local MVS Support Board and national MVS staff/office as they evaluate the long-term viability of MVS in Kansas City.

Announcements

Mateo and Marco Flores will be selling popcorn for a Cub Scout fundraiser during coffee and donuts today. Thanks, Alison

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 east and west foyers 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.

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is an international NGO with over 65 years of experience using business to create sustainable, empowering solutions to poverty. MEDA staff Vanessa Hofer (sister to Christina Hofer) will be visiting Rainbow on Sunday, Oct. 13. She'll be available during the Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall for questions and conversation. At 4:00pm, Vanessa invites young professionals to Boulevard Brewing Company for an informal "next gen" MEDA meetup. If you're under 40 and curious what MEDA is and does, this is the perfect opportunity for you. To RSVP, select "going" on the Rainbow Young Adults Facebook page or let Christina know.

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

The Goshen College Parables will be presenting a special service of music, drama and faith stories entitled "Following the Call" on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 7:00pm here at Rainbow. This is a part of their 2019 Midwest and Plains Tour. The Parables is a small auditioned ensemble of seven Goshen College students who sing and play a variety of instruments. The group is under the direction of Marcia Yost, Goshen College Director of the Arts. The Parables presentation is a collection of music and drama that is vibrant and well-received by all ages. You are cordially invited to this special worship event.

Our next congregational meeting will be Sunday, October 27 following a noon potluck. Please mark your calendars.

Youth News

- Sunday, October 6th, Youth Group, 6:00-8:00pm
- Sunday, October 13th, CROP Walk, more details to come

Community News

The Safe and Welcoming Wyandotte Coalition is holding a public meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 6pm at First Baptist Church (2900 Minnesota Ave). The meeting will center around attempts to create a municipal ID as well as to establish clear guidelines and boundaries for interaction between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. For more information on the Safe and Welcoming Wyandotte proposal, visit wycoid.org. Note that during the annual congregational meeting on January 27, 2019, a motion affirming Rainbow's support of this project was passed unanimously.

September 29, 2019

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| Attendance..... | 184 |
| Visitors (included in attendance count) | 18 |
| General Fund | \$ 6,704.00 |
| Other Donations | \$ 429.00 |
| Total Offering | \$ 7,133.00 |

This Week

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| Sunday | Oct 6 | Faith Formation Board Meeting | 11:50pm |
| | | MVS Board Meeting | 4:00pm |
| | | Youth Group | 6:00pm |
| Monday | Oct 7 | Deacons' Meeting | 5:30pm |
| Tuesday | Oct 8 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | Oct 9 | Women's Luncheon | 11:00am |
| | | (7936 Quivira Rd., Lenexa) | |
| | | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |
| Thursday | Oct 10 | Trustees Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Friday | Oct 11 | Office Closed for Staff Outing | 10:40am |

Next Week

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| Monday | Oct 14 | Goshen College Parables Performance | 7:00pm |
| Tuesday | Oct 15 | Staff Meeting | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | Oct 16 | Choir Meal | 6:15pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 6:45pm |

Fall Quarter Adult Education Class Options:

The View of Life: Completing the Darwinian Revolution, by David Sloan Wilson
Facilitators: Darrell Wiens and Phillip Rhoads, **Note location change: Room 111**

Today's Worship and Sermon Discussion Group, the Thirty True Things class, and The Nickel Boy class will meet in Sanctuary for Vernon Janzen's memorized presentation of The Sermon on the Mount. All are invited!