

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 17, 2016

**Good Morning!** Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary.

Our ushers are **Dan Duncan and Bob Carlson**. Our greeters are **Phyllis Carlson and George Melby**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Today's nursery workers are **Alison and Gilberto Flores**.

Closing Trustee: **Annie Jones**

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Rainbow member **John Bush** died on July 5. John's family can't thank Rainbow enough for the love shown. A Celebration of Life service will be held on August 6 at 11:30 am. Memorial gifts can be made to Rainbow Mennonite Church.

The Adult Education class **Trauma, grace, and building resilience** will focus on the theological implications of trauma and spiritual abuse within the LGBTQ+ community. Stephanie Krehbiel and Ryne Preheim will be leading the class.

## **Young Adults Gathering - TODAY @ 5:00pm**

Meet at the glass maze on the lawn of Nelson Atkins for the annual Big Picnic at 5:00pm. This event will deviate from previous potlucks. You can either bring your own food or purchase from food trucks. If you run late and don't see us at the maze, give someone a call. There may or may not be a Rainbow flag to help you identify us. Questions contact Joshua or Renee.

All preschool to 5th graders are invited to attend a one-day **Vacation Bible School** at Rainbow Mennonite Church on Saturday, July 30th from 9:30am-1:30pm. Children will be divided into three groups and will spend the day exploring God's creation through storytelling, crafts, recreation, and music. Please pack a sack lunch and RSVP to Renee at [renee@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:renee@rainbowmennonite.org) by Thursday, July 28th if you are interested in attending.

**Our quarterly congregational meeting will occur after the SS hour on July 24.**

Agendas are available today in the east and west foyers. Agendas are also posted to the member and friend section of the church website. Childcare will be provided and pizza will be available, with cash donations accepted.

**Freedom School Advocacy Day of Action** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. The scholars will host a voter registration night for parents and Rosedale community members. Each person will be wearing t-shirts with a large, unique QR code printed on them. When you take a photo of the QR code, it will take you to that scholar's personalized page, which will tell you about the policy issues they care most about. Let's support the next generation of informed voters!

**Save the date!** This year's Freedom School finale will be held at the Vox Theatre (across the street from the church) on Thursday, July 28 from 6-7pm. All are invited.

**Executive Director of Fellowship of Reconciliation Rev. Kristin Stoneking** is coming to Rainbow! Kristin, who has fond memories of this church (when it was still Rosedale Methodist), is looking forward to the following gatherings during her time here the first week of August:

- **Wednesday, August 3:** Rainbow young adult potluck with Rev. Stoneking from 5-7 pm
- **Wednesday, August 3:** Meet and greet reception from 7-9 pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, August 7:** Kristin preaching during worship

Mark your calendars for these events coming up at Rainbow!

- **Saturday, September 3:** Rainbow will host Ted and Company, a professional drama group from Harrisonburg, Virginia, that uses humor and storytelling to talk about issues of faith and social justice. September is suicide awareness month, and with the support of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Faithnet, they are traveling across the US presenting the show Laughter is Sacred Space. From the Ted and Company website: "In this gritty and dramatic show, Ted Swartz walks you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death."

- **Sunday, September 4:** Ted Schwartz will be speaking in the service and will lead an adult Sunday School class.
- **Saturday September 24th and Sunday September 25th:** An outdoor focused Rainbow church retreat will take place at a local Kansas City retreat center. This retreat is inspired by the grant Rainbow received this year that will focus on observing the outdoors in more intentional ways. Everyone is invited to come for the day or stay overnight in the retreat center cabins. More info coming soon!

### **Staff Updates:**

Music Director Rosi Penner Kaufman is attending the Hymn Society National Convention in Redlands, CA, July 17-21. The Hymn Society is an organization with a mission "to encourage, promote, and enliven congregational singing."

### **Community News**

A small group is forming to periodically prepare, serve, and share a Thursday evening meal with the Cherith Brook community in northeast Kansas City. A few volunteers are needed to help prepare a main dish ahead of time for about 50 people on August 11, and a few more are needed to help serve and share the meal from 5:00 - 7:30 PM. Cherith Brook is an urban homestead and residential Christian community committed to sustainability, downward mobility, and sharing resources and table fellowship with strangers and neighbors along with their house guests and covenanting members. Visit [cherithbrookcw.blogspot.com](http://cherithbrookcw.blogspot.com) for more information. If you'd like more information about how you can help prepare and/or serve the meal, please contact Kimberly at [\(559\) 289-2716](tel:5592892716) or [KimberlyLHunter@gmail.com](mailto:KimberlyLHunter@gmail.com).

**This Week**

Tuesday	July 19	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
		Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
		Church Retreat Planning Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	July 20	Women’s Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	July 21	Deacons Meeting	5:00 pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	July 22	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

**Next Week**

Sunday	July 24	Congregational Meeting	11:45 am
Monday	July 25	Start of Jr High Service Week	All Day
Tuesday	July 26	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
Thursday	July 28	Freedom School Finale	6:00 pm
Friday	July 29	Last day of Freedom School	
Saturday	July 30	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am

**July 10**

Attendance.....	140
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	12