

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 10, 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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. 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 **Carrie Parsons, Dawn Araujo-Hawkins, and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

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 is being planned for early August.

We offer condolences to **Susan Kysela** following the death of her mother Margie Kysela on June 29.

Please pray for the **family and friends of Hoa Kim Vo** who died July 6. The burial and memorial service took place on Saturday, July 9. Hoa came to this country with her five children as refugees from Vietnam in the 1980's, and our church sponsored their family.

Please pray for **Ashton Wells' sister Chelsea** as she continues treatment for advanced rare cervical cancer. She has a CT scan on July 12 and will begin radiation later in July.

The Adult Education class **Trauma, grace, and building resilience** will resume today with Ruth facilitating a conversation on how the Mennonite Church might practice communion based on the experiences and perspectives of victims of sexual abuse and trauma.

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! Children in K-5 are invited to V BS from 9:30 am – 2 pm. More details coming soon.

This week a youth group from Tabor Mennonite Church near Goessel, KS will be doing service projects in and around Rosedale and Rainbow. Sandy Wetzel is the coordinator.

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.

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!

Structured **After School Care** for Freedom School scholars occurs every day from 3-5:00 pm. Rebecca, the After School Coordinator, together with student intern Ryne Preheim, are working hard to make this a good experience for scholars and volunteers. Please consider joining the fun either for one day this summer or once a week (or more)! If you are interested in helping, please email Peter and Rebecca.

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Let's all make a difference during this 10th year of Rainbow Freedom School!

Volunteers are needed to help with Freedom School's Healthy Kids Carnival on Saturday July 16 from 11 am to 2 pm. We specifically need help with setup, tear down, and selling tickets during the event. Email Peter Wetzel at jpcwetzel@gmail.com if you are available.

Young Adults Gathering - Sunday, July 17th @ 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.

Staff Updates:

Youth Program Director, Renee Reimer, will be out of the office July 10th-16th. Renee will be leading input at Camp Mennoscah for the junior high week.

Community News

Join us this spring at **Rosedale Farmers Market!** Located at 4020 Rainbow Blvd in the Commerce Bank parking lot, we are open every Sunday from 10-2 through the end of September. We offer a great selection of fresh, local and affordable fruits, vegetables, baked goods, herbs, eggs, and honey.

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; their example is inspired by the early church and the Catholic Worker movement. (Visit 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.

This Week

Tuesday	July 12	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
		Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	July 13	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	July 16	Run/Walk Group (55 th and Brookside)	7:00 am
		KCK Women's Coffee (Fritz's)	8:00 am
		Healthy Kids Carnival	11:00 am

Next Week

Tuesday	July 19	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
		Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
		Freedom School Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	July 20	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	July 21	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	July 22	SCR Meeting	8:00 am

July 3

Attendance.....	153
Visitors (included in attendance count)	19