

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 14, 2017

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. If you are a newcomer to Rainbow, the Welcoming Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) following today's worship service.

Today's greeters are **Becca Claassen and Lori Lichty**. Ushers are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Please ask any of 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. Our nursery workers today are **John and Kay Schmidt and Abigail Gritman**.
Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

The Rainbow Quilters are making comforter tops for Mennonite Central Committee Relief for Refugees. Please bring your machine (if possible), lunch and good spirits to design and sew these tops! We will meet in Fellowship Hall, May 16, 9:30 to 2:00. The more hands we have, the more tops to be made! For questions, contact Marsha Rhoads, Marilyn Klaus or Phyllis Carlson.

Hesston College Choir:

- **The Bel Canto Singers of Hesston College** will present a diverse repertoire of choral music Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm here at the church. The program entitled *God Is Near* is inspired by our call to seek out faith in our lives.
- **Meal Help:** We are also requesting salads and cookies or bars which will be served with KC barbeque for the choir at 5:30pm.
- **Hosting:** We are looking for hosts to provide lodging on Tuesday night and breakfast Wednesday morning for 20 students and the conductor. Please contact the church office if you can help or speak with Carol Buller for more information.

Do you have a graduate in the family? Please provide their name and current school (and their degree, if applicable) to the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org or 913.236.8820.

Jubilee Teaser: Come celebrate with us at the Whitmore Jubilee, a place where people play. This event will be hosted in Whitmore Playground, a common ground between Rosedale residents and Rainbow Mennonite Church attenders, and is open to the public. Join us for live music by The Good Hearts and The Rosedale Jazz Quintet. Enjoy free food catered by 2 Guys and a Grill (a donation bucket will be available to help supplement the grant funds for the food) and take part in family friendly activities for all. Start off your summer in Whitmore Playground on Saturday, June 3rd!

Donation Request: Please consider looking in your garage or basement for the following items: old sidewalk chalk, old paint brushes, ice cream buckets. We would like to use these for an art project at the Whitmore Jubilee on June 3rd. There will be a marked box in the fellowship hall for donations. If you have any questions, please ask Natasha VanDyke. Thank you!

A People of Two Kingdoms II by Jim Juhnke is now in the Church Library. He has authored a careful and comprehensive study of Mennonites who have been active in politics in Kansas. If you've ever lived in central Kansas you will recognize friends, and maybe even relatives, among the 29 individuals who have made an effort to use the electoral process to help influence our Kansas politics. Jim is an astute historian and a good writer. Check it out!

Staff Updates

Youth and Outreach Ministries Director, Renee Reimer, will be out of the office May 12-14 visiting family in the Newton, KS area.

Member News

During community building time on Sunday, April 23, Moderator Jan Good-Bollinger read a statement involving a church member. If you would like to review this statement, please call or email the church: office@rainbowmennonite.org

Youth Updates

Last call for Jr. High breakfast on Sunday, May 21st. Meet in the Jr. High Sunday school room at 8:30am to enjoy the last breakfast of the school year.

Ashton Wells and Aaron Dyck will be joining Sr. High youth for the final Sr. High lunch discussion on Sunday, May 21st from 11am-12:30pm. Meet in the Sr. High Sunday School classroom.

Mennonite Church News

We LOVE our volunteers! Calling ALL Mennonite Central Committee volunteers (workroom, warehouse, meat canning, Kansas Relief Sale, Et Cetera Shop and more) to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on June 7 from 5-7pm in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas. Check mcc.org/volunteer-bbq for more information. Please RSVP for the event by May 24 to Patsy Dirksen. We hope to see you on June 7!

In preparation for this summer's Mennonite Church USA assembly, congregations are asked to review the resources found on the Mennonite Palestine-Israel Network (MENNOPIN) website, <https://mennopin.org>. This website provides comprehensive resources including the 2017 Resolution on Israel-Palestine that will be voted on this summer in Orlando. Copies of this 2017 Resolution called "Peace in Israel and Palestine: A resolution for Mennonite Church USA" are available in the east and west foyer. Stay tuned for more opportunities to review this resolution with others at Rainbow.

Summer camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp are just weeks away (first youth camp begins June 11). This summer's theme, "Freedom" is based on Galatians 5:13. There is still space to register for Resident Camp (3rd grade to Senior High)! To learn more, visit our [website](#). Renee Reimer will be Camp Pastor for youth in grades 6th-7th at RMMC the week of June 25th-July 1st.

Community Updates

Opening day of the Rosedale Farmers Market is today! The market operates every Sunday, 10am-2pm in the Commerce Bank parking lot (4020 Rainbow Blvd, KCK). Today at the market there will be plants, handmade items, baked goods, vegetables and a Mother's Day treat. We hope you come by after church and support the market!

May 7

Attendance.....	152
Visitors (included in attendance count)	8
General Fund	\$8,378.72
Other Donations	\$2,012.25
Total.....	\$10,390.97

This Week

Tuesday	May 16	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
Wednesday	May 17	Jubilee Groupies Meeting	4:00pm
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:00pm
		MVS at Sporting KC Match	7:30pm

Next Week

Sunday	May 21	Jr. High Breakfast	8:30am
		High School Senior Reception	10:45am
		Sr. High Lunch	11:00am
		Park Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Sunday School Teacher Lunch	12:00pm
Monday	May 22	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	May 23	Deacon's Meeting	5:00pm
		Hesston Choir Dinner	5:30pm
		Hesston Choir Performance	7:00pm
Wednesday	May 24	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Youth Council Meeting	5:00pm
Thursday	May 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

Adult Education Classes

Introduction to Robin Meyers and his book *Spiritual Defiance*

Class led by Leroy Seat, Wesley Room

***Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Conner and *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac**

Class led by Dan Duncan and Dan Duncan, Jr., Sunflower Room

This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation

Class led by Clif Hostetler, Room 111

The Wired Word Class led by June Seat, Library