

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 21, 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 **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. Ushers are **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. 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 **Janelle Schrag, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Hannah Schrag**

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

The families of **Jason Leuenberg and Emma Campbell** invite the congregation to their High School Graduation reception in the fellowship hall following church this morning. Emma is headed to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she will major in creative writing and psychology. Jason will be attending University of Kansas in Lawrence where he will study biology with hopes of becoming a physician assistant. Thank you for celebrating with us!

This morning, the WorshipArts children will share their reflections on our theme of "I am a child of God" in the fellowship hall. Please ask them about their work!

We will be assisting Trinity United Methodist Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. If you want to volunteer to help that day, you may contact Nancy Bosche'. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during coffee time.

Next Sunday in observance of Memorial Day, we will end our morning worship service in the Rainbow Remembrance Garden.

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.
- **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.

Whitmore Jubilee

- The Whitmore Jubilee on Saturday, June 3rd will feature two unique bands (along with food and family friendly activities!). **The Rosedale Jazz Quintet will play from 5:30-6:30pm.** The band includes Aaron Linscheid on trumpet, Matt Baldwin on saxophone, Eddie Moore on piano, Sam Wisman on drums, and Dominique Sanders on bass. **The Good Hearts will play from 7:00-8:00pm** and are a 4 piece soulful folk-pop group with an emphasis on strings and warming hearts. Their songs vary from gospel influenced to ballads born from their love of old country.
- The park committee and Jubilee committee are teaming together for a Park Work Day on Saturday, June 3rd from 9-11am. We are seeking strong bodies to clean-up and set-up Whitmore Playground for the Whitmore Jubilee that evening. As Natasha VanDyke said "this is going to be the biggest block party of the summer" and we'd love to see your faces at the celebration (5-8pm) and the clean-up (9-11am). It's the place people play!
- **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!

Mike Boyts helped make **stepping stones** at a church retreat many years ago. If you still have one and want to donate it to the butterfly garden in Whitmore Playground we would love to use it. Also, if you know the whereabouts of the 3 stones that were in the closet at church, please let Claire Zehner or Judy Selzer know. Thank you.

Member News

Anna Woelk will be participating in the Migrant Trail from May 29-June 4, a week long solidarity walk to bear witness to the unnecessary deaths occurring near the US/Mexico border. As part of a group of around 60 participants, Anna will trek 75 miles from Sasabe, Mexico to Tucson, Arizona.

Staff Updates

Starting this week and continuing for the foreseeable future, Pastor Ruth's weekly day off will be Fridays (as opposed to Mondays).

Youth Updates

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

Mennonite Church News

In preparation for this summer's Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando, 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 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 foyers. **We will have an opportunity to review this resolution in more depth as a congregation during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, July 2.**

Community Updates

Interested in conflict resolution and restorative discipline? The Center for Conflict Resolution will be holding a training at Rainbow on these topics June 5-8 from 9 am to 12 pm each day. The cost for the training is \$25/participant with payment made to Sharing Community in Rosedale. All Rainbow Summer Program interns will be at the training. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please RSVP to Ashton at sharinginrosedale@gmail.com.

May 14

Attendance.....	142
Visitors (included in attendance count)	14
General Fund	\$4,775.50
Other Donations	\$399.65
Total.....	\$5,175.15

This Week

Sunday	May 21	Jr. High Breakfast	8:30am
		High School Senior Reception	10:45am
		Sr. High Lunch Discussion	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

Next Week

Monday	May 29	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday	May 30	Summer Program Staff Training Begins	
Saturday	June 3	Park Work Day	9:00am
		Whitmore Jubilee	5:00pm

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