

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 28, 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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's greeters are **Becca Claassen and Melissa Funk**. Ushers are **David Steward and Jonathan Bollinger**. 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 **Allison Unruh, Marsha Rhodes and Fischer Unruh**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Next Sunday is Pentecost, a time of celebrating the birth of the early church (Acts 2). Also special next Sunday is that we will dedicate the new communion table, which was built using memorial funds given in honor of John Bush.

We invite everyone (all ages) to stay for the Sunday school hour next week, June 4. Renee Reimer will lead a child, youth, and adult friendly UNITY project in Whitmore Playground. UNITY is an interactive public art project and its larger-than-life structure helps us celebrate our uniqueness and strengthens our ties to each other. The project consists of 32 posts, each with identifiers such as, "I'm a parent; I speak English as a second language; I'm a cat person," etc. Participants tie colorful yarn to posts that reflect their identities. Their yarn intertwines with others to create a web of interconnectedness. In the end, we see that we are all connected by something, and it's our diversity that builds a strong and vibrant community. The Unity Project will be begin at the Whitmore Jubilee on Saturday, June 3rd.

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.

Whitmore Jubilee

- Wondering what you will find to do at the Whitmore Jubilee on Saturday, June 3rd from 5-8pm? Art activities like chalk painting, outdoor water color easels, and colored rock patterns will be available. Movement activities like helping to build and walk a temporary labyrinth and discovering the ways in which Rainbow Mennonite Church is connected to the Rosedale neighborhood by creating a life size [unity design](#). And that is all in addition to the live music by the Rosedale Jazz Quintet and The Good Hearts...and don't forget about the catered food provided by two guys and a grill! See you at the place people play: Whitmore Playground!
- 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!

The Rainbow Performing Arts Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us give a warm Rainbow welcome to the Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College. We appreciate those who brought food for the meal we served the choir, the hosts who opened their homes for overnight lodging and breakfast, and the many who attended the concert and donated generously to help the college with choir tour expenses. It was a beautiful and inspiring concert, and the students were delightful.

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, she will trek 75 miles from Sasabe, Mexico to Tucson, Arizona. If you would like more information, including how to support Anna financially, please contact her at anna.woelk@gmail.com.

Please keep Russel Yoder in your prayers as he will have surgery at KU Medical Center on Thursday, June 1. Contact Russel if you are able to give him an early morning ride to the hospital.

Youth Updates

A group from Eastern Mennonite High School, Harrisonburg, VA will be "crashing" at Rainbow on Thursday, June 8th and spending the following morning learning and working in the Rainbow community garden and orchard. Renee Reimer is looking for willing folks to provide some egg casseroles, baked rolls/goods, fruit, and juice. If you are interested in providing food for their breakfast on Friday, June 9th at 7:30am please email Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org. You could even enjoy an hour of early morning fellowship with these high school students and stay for the hearty breakfast!

Staff Updates

The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

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

Attention educators, parents, and those who work with children! The Center for Conflict Resolution will be holding a training at Rainbow on the topic of restorative discipline and conflict resolution 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. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please RSVP to Ashton at sharinginrosedale@gmail.com.

May 21

Attendance.....	170
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9
General Fund.....	\$9,149.75
Other Donations	\$732.30
Total.....	\$9,882.05

This Week

Sunday	May 28	Linda Hiebert Small Group Lunch	12:00pm
Monday	May 29	Memorial Day, Church Offices Closed	
Tuesday	May 30	Summer Program Staff Training Begins	
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	May 31	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am
Saturday	June 3	Whitmore Playground Work Day	9:00am
		Whitmore Jubilee Jazz Practice	3:00pm
		Whitmore Jubilee	5:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	June 4	Convention Meeting	5:00pm
Monday	June 5	Rainbow Quilters	9:30am
Tuesday	June 6	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	June 7	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	June 8	EMHS Youth Group Arrival	5:00pm
Friday	June 9	EMHS Youth Group Breakfast	7:30am
		EMHS Youth Garden Tour	10:00am
		Summer Program Parent Orientation	6:00pm
Saturday	June 10	RDA Spay & Neuter Event, Whitmore Playground	10:00am