

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 4, 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 **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Ushers are **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. 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 **Elizabeth Stamper, Jeff Janzen and Kennedy Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

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Please remember in prayer:

- Lois Briles as she recovers from wrist surgery last week Friday. Lois ended up needing a tendon transfer procedure which will result in longer rehab.
- Debra Sapp-Yarwood met with the Western District Conference Leadership Commission on Friday, June 2. The purpose of this meeting/interview was for Debra to begin the ministerial credentialing process in Mennonite Church USA (typically a two-year process).
- Anna Woelk is finishing up her Migrant Trail trek today after a week long solidarity walk to bear witness to the unnecessary deaths occurring near the US/Mexico border. She will have walked 75 miles with 60 others from Sasabe, Mexico to Tucson, Arizona.

Today we dedicate a new communion table, built by Matt Kirby of Lawrence, KS, funded by gifts in memory of John Bush. Today we also announce a gift of \$30,000 from John and Kathleen Bush through their children, Alison, Arlene, and Bob. Stewardship Committee will begin the process of developing options for the use of this generous gift from the Bush family.

**Plan to stay for the joint, intergenerational education hour (10:50-11:45 am) over the summer! Here is what is scheduled for the next three Sundays:**

- June 4: Unity Project in Whitmore Playground (see below for more detail)
- June 11: High energy Summer School Harambee with Ashton Wells & friends
- June 18: Father's Day storytelling and reflections facilitated by Mike Peters

We invite everyone (all ages) to stay for the Sunday school hour today. 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 began at the Whitmore Jubilee last evening.

Next Sunday we will begin a new summer worship series on the Psalms. As a way to encourage more in depth understanding of and conversation with this book of the Bible, Ruth Harder, Terri Gaeddert, and Renee Reimer will host a Psalms writing workshop on **Wednesday, June 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm**. Terri and Renee will meet separately with the children and youth, and Ruth will meet with the adults for an hour of creative engagement with the Psalms. Join us if you can! Questions? Email Ruth ([ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)) or Terri.

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](mailto:reneer@rainbowmennonite.org). You could even enjoy an hour of early morning fellowship with these high school students and stay for the hearty breakfast!

This summer we invite everyone to participate in the "Where is Menno now?" challenge. Pick up your very own "I'm a Menno Simons fan" today and take it with you on your summer adventures (locally or outside of KC). Be sure to snap a picture of yourself with Menno and email it to the church office or post it to the Rainbow facebook page. These fans were originally made for a Sharing Community in Rosedale fundraiser. Therefore it would please Menno a great deal if you made a small donation to SCR in his honor.

MVS House Transitions - Michael and Kham are now living with Mennonite Central Committee host families for their remaining time in KC. These families have befriended them during this past year. They will be leaving the KC area on July 19. We ask for prayers for them as well as Christina and Kimberly who are still living in the MVS house.

### **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 called "Peace in Israel and Palestine: A resolution for Mennonite Church USA." **We will have an opportunity to review this resolution in more depth as a congregation during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, July 2.**

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.

Save the Whale! Camp Mennoscah started a Go Fund Me campaign to help fund the new playground structure, designed in part by Aaron Dyck. A gift of \$5 buys enough of the new playground for 1 camper to play on for 1 week of camp over the course of 25 years. Gifts of any size are welcome. Go to [gf.me/u/hmes8](https://gf.me/u/hmes8) and check out the progress!

## Community Updates

A small group from Rainbow periodically prepares, serves and shares a Thursday evening meal with the Cherith Brook Catholic Workers in northeast Kansas City. Our next meal is scheduled for June 8th. A few more volunteers are needed to help serve about 50 people from 5:30 - 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 one another as well as strangers and neighbors. Visit [cherithbrookcw.blogspot.com](http://cherithbrookcw.blogspot.com) for more information.

### May 28

Attendance.....	149
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	9
General Fund .....	\$7,230.00
Other Donations .....	\$187.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,417.00</b>

### This Week

Sunday	June 4	MCUSA Convention Meeting	5:00pm
Monday	June 5	Rainbow Quilters (Off Site)	9:30am
Tuesday	June 6	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	June 7	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Psalms Writing Workshop	6:30pm
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

### Next Week

Monday	June 12	Rainbow Summer Program Begins	
Tuesday	June 13	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Trustee's Meeting	7:00pm