

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 23, 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 **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. Ushers are **Will and Andrew Moore**. 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 **Melissa Funk, Nick Schroeder and Liberty Brigman**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Remembering in Prayer...

As a church community we seek to share together not only in joy, but in sorrow. So it is in that spirit that we share the shocking and sad news that Quinn David Brady has died of unknown causes. Quinn was the eldest son of Mark Wiebe and Anne Bloos Brady. He was living in KC. Please remember the family in your prayers, including Mark, Anne, younger brother Noah, Quinn's fiance Casi Bjorgaard, and the extended family, especially those traveling to KC. May God's grace shine on all who grieve. And may God's grace shine through the support we offer one another.

Pray for Rainbow Summer Program Intern Henry Jantzen (nephew to Eric Jantzen) as he learned about the tragic death of his uncle, Nathan Hartman and Nathan's partner Lisa Sexton in Carlsbad, NM. This has been a difficult year for the Hartman family so Henry asks for special prayers for his mother Alice and her parents and siblings.

Please remember in prayer Church Administrator Carrie Parsons as she will undergo a scheduled open heart surgery tomorrow morning, Monday, July 24. She expects a recovery of 2-3 weeks. If you would like to sign up to bring the Parsons family a meal during this time, please email Tanya Ortman.

This morning's education hour: Rosedale Development Association is located across the street from Rainbow, and yet how many of us understand their mission and how it intersects with Rainbow's mission? RDA's Executive Director Erin Stryka is with us this morning to share more about their work in and knowledge of the Rosedale community.

Summer Sunday School Hour

- July 30: Vacation Bible School Sharing: Women of the Bible
- Aug 6: Finding Your Voice*
- Aug 13: Special Congregational Meeting
- Aug 20: The Grammar of Music*
- Aug 27: Holding Your Own*

*August adult education option: singing is one way we respond in worship, but it's a skill that not everyone has had the same opportunity to practice. For three Sundays in August (August 13 will be the congregational meeting), Rosi will lead a Sunday School class on hymn singing. This will cover the basics, and is especially for those who might feel more mystery than mastery when it comes to singing.

Men's Lunch Bunch: Fourth Friday, July 28 at 11:00 am. Meet at Taqueria Mexico, Rainbow Blvd & Southwest Blvd (space limited to 20 guys, see Phil Rhoads).

Children ages 3 to 11 years old: save the date for Rainbow's one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 29th from 9:30am-2pm. The theme this year is *Women of the Bible*. Come for the stories, music, and snack! Please RSVP to Renee at reneer@rainbowmennonite.org

Following the worship service on Sunday July 30, the youth will be selling piping hot cinnamon rolls for your enjoyment and to raise money for MCC's Syrian refugee assistance program. Bring your appetite and money down to fellowship hall.

We will be assisting Trinity United Methodist Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, August 4 from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. If you want to volunteer to help that day, you may email Nancy Bosche'. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during coffee time.

The congregation is invited to a wedding shower for Haley Long and Bruce Rushing on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10:00 a.m. The shower will be held at the home of Rod and Amy Kliewer. The happy couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and at Crate and Barrel. Please RSVP to Amy Kliewer.

Rainbow Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting scheduled for **Sunday, August 13 immediately following fellowship time, during the second hour.** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed changes to the youth education/faith formation committee structure. Please look for more information soon about a new proposed structure.

The Quasi Brothers, Jesse Graber and Steve Goeke, will be joined by Bob and Melissa Atchison from Manhattan, KS at Rainbow Mennonite Church on August 19. They'll spend several hours playing the traditional tunes and songs stringband players LOVE to play. They will begin at 12:45 and continue much of the afternoon, then move to Whitmore Park for the Outreach Committee event taking place there.

Once in a lifetime It turns out the path of the eclipse that will occur on August 21 crosses very near the home of Gail and Steve Goeke who happen to have a 1 acre viewing location to observe the eclipse. Gail and Steve would like to open their property and home in rural Clay County northwest of Kearney, MO for those who would like to gather for this event. Please email, call or speak with Gail or Steve if you plan to attend. You are welcome to arrive the night before as there is plenty of room for tents and RV's. Look for more detailed information to come.

Interested in participating in an **8-hour training in mental health first aid** August 24-25? Please contact Pastor Ruth or Church Administrator Carrie Parsons if you are interested in signing up (your cost might be waived). Ruth and Carrie both plan to attend and welcome others to join them.

Staff News

Emma Campbell is filling in as church administrator this week, July 24-28 while Carrie Parsons is out of the office.

Community News

Rosedale Development Association is looking to hire a Community Relations Coordinator. If interested, contact erin@rosedale.org.

July 16

Attendance.....	142
Visitors (included in attendance count)	1
General Fund	\$14,340.75
Other Donations	\$ 180.00
Offering Totals.....	\$14,520.75

This Week

Sunday	July 23	Rainbow Guest House Committee	5:00pm
Monday	July 24	Jr. High Service Week Begins	10:00am
Tuesday	July 25	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	July 27	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	July 28	Men's Lunch Bunch	11:00am
		Wedding Rehearsal	5:30pm
Saturday	July 29	Vacation Bible School	9:30am
		Wedding	5:00pm

Next Week

Tuesday	Aug 1	Election Day at RMC	
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Aug 2	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Friday	Aug 4	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	
Saturday	Aug 5	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	