

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 30, 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 **David Stewart and Jonathan Bollinger**. Ushers are **Laura Schmidt and Becca Claassen**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Joel Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

Please remember in prayer **Carrie Parsons** as she recovers from her recent open heart surgery. 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.

Please remember in prayer the **Wiebe/Brady family** in the wake of Quinn David Brady's sudden death. Pastor Ruth offers prayers for the family in a recent blog post: <https://overandaroundtherainbow.com/2017/07/25/in-the-valley-of-weeping/>

Annie Jones is staying at her son's house at Weatherby Lake while recuperating from a broken leg. Her mobility will be limited for several months, so she welcomes phone calls and visitors.

Today we join Debra Sapp-Yarwood and Western District Conference Minister, Heidi Regier Kreider, in a ritual of ministerial licensing and blessing for Debra. Welcome Heidi!

This morning's education hour will focus on various women in the Bible. This was the focus of yesterday's Vacation Bible School where the children from Rainbow learned about Ruth, Naomi, Mary, and Martha through storytelling, hero crafts, and song. Join us during the second hour in the Sanctuary to experience their time together as well as reflect on some other strong women found in the Bible.

Following the worship service this morning 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.

August Summer Sunday School Hour

- 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.

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 call or 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.

Quilters and sewers will be meeting in Fellowship Hall Monday, August 7, 9:30 a.m. to continue work on comforter tops for MCC. There is enough work for all! Bring machine, lunch and your creative spirits! **We also have some great fabric contributions and still could use even more! Give fabrics to Marsha Rhodes or any one of the quilters.**

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. More detailed information will be included in this week's midweek email to the congregation.

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.

Everyone is invited to the Whitmore Playground on Saturday, August 19 from 6 to 8 PM for a community picnic. Hot dogs and brats will be grilling and ice cream chilling. There will be a vegetarian option as well. There will be face painting, art activities, a photo booth, a cake walk for adults and a cupcake walk for kids, volleyball, basketball, a watermelon seed spitting contest, and music. And best of all it is all free. So come out and enjoy the food, the playground, the activities, and hanging out with friends and neighbors from the community. Side dishes are welcomed, but not required. Bringing a lawn chair is recommended

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.

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

- Rachel Hostetler is filling in as church administrator this week, July 31-Aug 4 while Carrie Parsons is out of the office.
- Ruth will be out of town July 31-August 2.
- Renee Reimer will be out of the office August 1-7th vacationing in the Colorado mountains.
- Rosi will be out of office until Friday, August 4th, at Family Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

July 23

Attendance.....	124
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9
General Fund	\$ 4,877.00
Other Donations	\$ 137.00
Offering Totals.....	\$ 5,014.00

This Week

Tuesday	Aug 1	Election Day at RMC	
		Head Start moves into Rainbow	
Wednesday	Aug 2	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Friday	Aug 4	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	
		Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am
Saturday	Aug 5	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 6	Western District Conference Annual Assembly	
Monday	Aug 7	Rainbow Quilters	9:30am
Thursday	Aug 8	Trustees Meeting	7:30pm