

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 20, 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 **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. Ushers are **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. 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 **Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman, Allison Unruh and Fisher Unruh**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Remembering in Prayer

Please pray for Betty Bodine who is receiving hospital care for diverticulitis at St. Luke's on the Plaza.

The family and friends of Quinn David Brady will gather for a memorial service at Rainbow on Friday, August 25 at 2 pm. Quinn died unexpectedly of natural causes on July 17. Please remember the family in your prayers, including Quinn's parents, Mark and Anne, younger brother Noah, and Quinn's fiancé, Casi Bjorgaard.

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 the next two weeks, Rosi will lead us in the following topics:

- **This Morning, August 20: The grammar of music**
Written music is a language that's a little harder than Spanish but not as complicated as Chinese. If you feel you don't know what the symbols on the page represent, this is the class to get some clues for ways to figure it out.
- **August 27: Holding your own** What is harmony? Why does it seem like everyone is singing something different, but it sounds good together? Why is it a Mennonite tradition?

Eclipse Viewing Opportunities Tomorrow

- The path of the eclipse that will occur tomorrow, August 21, crosses very near the home of Gail and Steve Goeke who happen to have a one 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.
- Looking for a place to view the eclipse? The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library's Mobile Library is hosting an Eclipse Watch Party tomorrow from 12-2 pm in Whitmore Playground. Snacks, games and glasses will be provided.



Rev. William Barber is coming to Topeka for a **“Mass Meeting for the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival”** tomorrow, August 21 at 7:00 pm at Topeka First United Methodist Church. You can hear about the inspiration, vision and strategy for the Campaign which aims to build a broad and deep national moral fusion movement – rooted in the leadership of the poor, marginalized and moral agents and reflecting the great moral teachings – to unite our country from the bottom up.

Dale and Linda Graham are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in August. In honor of this special occasion, their small group will be hosting a reception for them next Sunday, August 27th, after church during fellowship time. Come and celebrate!

We will be assisting Trinity United Methodist Church in serving lunch at the **Willa Gill Food Kitchen**, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, September 1, 10:30 AM to 1 PM. If you want to volunteer to help that day, sign up during Sunday coffee time, email Nancy Bosche'.

Congregational Goal-setting update: The RMC Church Council would like to thank so many of you for your feedback in our goal setting process. Council has received helpful survey information from our committees and will now be seeking feedback from individuals at RMC. Please watch your email in the next couple of weeks for the survey to complete in order to help continue in the Goal-setting process. Church Council will gather in September to review the results of the survey.

Gearing up for Fall

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered three times this fall: August 27th at 10:50am, September 10th at 10:50am, and September 17th at 8:30am. This training is required for anyone working with children or youth (Sunday School teachers, sponsors, mentors, nursery and worship arts volunteers), church council, and deacons. This training is highly recommended for anyone in the congregation as we all interact with children and youth on a regular basis. The purpose of the training is to become knowledgeable of the recently updated Abuse Prevention policy, discuss different ways to appropriately interact with one another, understand the plans in place to keep everyone safe, and learn the necessary steps to take in the event of an incident.

Children Sunday School teachers are **greatly needed** for preschool and 3rd-5th grade Sunday School classes. Can you commit to 2 Sunday's a month? Do you like to learn? Then what a perfect opportunity this could be for you. Seriously, the children are wonderful and you could be a part of that! Try it out for the semester and see what amazing things could happen, you even have a curriculum to use! Please email Janelle Campbell if you are interested.

Inviting singers: As summer tips into autumn, it's time to think about choir. We usually begin the season with a party, but this year we're inviting more guests. We are hosting a retreat for the Rainbow choir and the choir from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Saturday, August 26 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We have invited Dr. Julie Yu-Oppenheim, the co-director of choral studies at K-State, to come as our clinician to help us learn some anthems and give us new ways to think about singing. If you enjoy singing, and particularly if you would like to see what being in the choir is all about, please join us. Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman at music@rainbowmennonite.org for more info.

Searching for an older picture of the outside of our church from the southwest corner that would include the tree that used to stand on our lawn - and later was cut and made into our pulpit and communion table. Also, if you have any pictures of the tree being cut down, please share those too. If you have picture(s), please either put them in our box or send them digitally to Jan or Lonnie Buerge.

Staff Updates

Terry Rouse, Maintenance Coordinator, will be out of the office on August 21-22.

Youth and Outreach Ministries Director, Renee Reimer, will be out of the office August 20-26 taking a class, Understanding the Churches Context, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN.

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Attendance.....	164
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund.....	\$ 6,823.00
Other Donations	\$ 155.00
Offering Totals.....	\$ 6,978.00

This Week

Sunday	Aug 20	Fire This Time Group	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Monday	Aug 21	First Day for Head Start Students	
Tuesday	Aug 22	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Aug 23	SCR Board Meeting	6:00pm
		Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Aug 25	Quinn Brady Memorial	2:00pm
Saturday	Aug 26	Choir Retreat	11:00am
		Visual Arts Sanctuary Preparation	2:30pm

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 27	Safe Sanctuary Training	10:50am
		Rainbow Guest House Meeting	5:00pm
Monday	Aug 28	Deacon's Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Aug 29	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Aug 30	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		MVS Support Board Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Sep 1	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am