

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## May 13, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

We invite you to sign our friendship register when it is passed during the offering. Between the worship service and Sunday School, please consider joining us for coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Look for the Welcome Table!

Today's ushers and **Jerry Jantz and Dan Duncan**. Greeters are **George Melby and Sammy Stayton**. 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, for children birth - four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Kendric Beachey and Kate Brubacher**.

Closing Trustees: **Steven Cress**

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- \* On Tuesday, April 17, Leo Goertz, died in his home a few days shy of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. His funeral will be at Rainbow next Saturday, May 19 at 10:30am.
- \* Pray for Western District Conference member Glen Guyton of San Antonio, TX, as he begins his new role as Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA today.
- \* Elsie Zerger Kaufman, mother of Gary Kaufman, will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 18. Although she has some loss of eyesight and hearing, she gets around well at her home in the nursing care section at Pine Village, Moundridge, KS.

### Today at Rainbow

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This morning we welcome Western District Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider for a ministerial licensing blessing for Rosi Penner Kaufman, Rainbow's Minister of Worship and Music. Rosi's official credential is "Licensing toward ordination," a license issued for a minimum of a two-year period for the purpose of further testing the inner and outer call to ministry.

Everyone is invited to join in a **Rise Up Singing Sing-A-Long** tonight from 6:30-8pm at Rainbow. Calvin and Nelia Kimbrough, friends of Ruth and Jesse, will be here to help with banjo and song leading as we go through the classic Rise Up Singing book, a collection of over 1,000 popular songs from various genres and time periods.

## Next Sunday, May 20

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Next Sunday we will join in giving thanks for and saying goodbye to Youth and Outreach Ministries Director, Renee Reimer, as she prepares to move to Indiana to complete her seminary studies. Following Sunday school on the 20th, there will be a brief gathering in Whitmore Playground, followed by a potluck-style taco bar at noon. See the midweek email for a link to sign up for the potluck or contact the church office to let us know what you can contribute.

## Announcements

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Any preschoolers, junior highers, and high schoolers who haven't already, please see Natasha in the fellowship hall after church.

This week we will welcome Will Compton, our Rainbow Ministry Summer Intern. Will plans to move into the Rainbow Guest House on Friday, May 18. Here is a note of hello from Will:

*Hey, Rainbow Mennonite Church, and greetings from Kentucky! I'm Will Compton, an upcoming senior at Eureka College, studying psychology, philosophy, and religion. I'm looking forward to getting here and being with a church that, from all I've seen and heard, is a staple within the community, has a strong grasp on building relationships, and knows how to have fun. I can't stress how much I've thought about the community garden and the orchard within the past couple months, and I can't express the smile that has come across my face when I tell people here about the Rainbow Summer Program. I hope I'm getting across in writing just how thankful I am to get to meet you all this summer. I hope to practice being intentional and taking initiative, actively finding ways I can be of service and assistance in the shared mission that you all clearly respect and extol so much. I fully expect this summer to be something life-giving. Thanks once again!*

The social committee needs volunteers to help with the luncheon following the funeral of Leo Goertz on Saturday, May 19. Please volunteer to bring cookie bars or to provide kitchen help beginning at 8:00am, during the 10:30am service and after the service. If you are willing and available to help, please contact the church office at [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) or Becky Bartel.

The last day of children's and youth Sunday School and WorshipArts for the spring semester will be next Sunday, May 20th. There will be no Sunday School or WorshipArts this summer.

Do you have a graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming **Rainbow Graduate List**. Please email your student's name, current school (and their degree, if applicable) by May 15 to [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)

Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers are needed for the week of May 21-26 to help with the removal of trees at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. These are trees that have been killed by the beetle infestation. If you are interested in more information call Gordon Unruh at 316-772-6308.

**Pitching the Bells:** One of the items assigned to the Worship Committee in our recently-approved list of goals includes “explore interest in supplementing worship with additional musical outlets, including but not limited to handbells.” The Worship Committee is trying to gauge interest in whether there are individuals who might have interest in joining a future handbell choir. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman to express your interest in participating in an occasional adult or youth handbell choir.

The Rainbow Guest House is in search of 5-6 box or standing fans. If you would like to donate some fans to help keep our visitors and residents "cool" please bring them to the church fellowship hall labeled: RGH fan donation. Thank you!

There are canna bulbs in need of a new home in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in adopting these hardy plants, fill a bag!

Camp Mennoscah is accepting registrations for summer camps. If you or someone you know is in need of a scholarship, please contact Deacon Chair, Amy Kliever or Pastor Ruth ([ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)).

## Youth Updates

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The last jr high breakfast of the school year is scheduled for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am in the jr high room. Come and meet the Rainbow summer intern!

## Community Events

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**The Poor People’s Campaign:** A National Call for Moral Revival is organizing state-by-state to unite people across the U.S. to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, war & Creation degradation.

- **To get involved in KCMO,** contact Ben Parker Sutter.
- **To get involved in KCK,** contact Kimberly Hunter. Each Monday local carpools to the Topeka action will leave from the Community Health Council (803 Armstrong, KCK) and return to the same location. Those who plan to engage in direct action/civil disobedience should gather at 9:15am to leave by 9:30. Those who plan to attend the rally only should gather at 11:45am to leave by noon.

## May 6, 2018

Attendance.....	185
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	25
General Fund .....	\$ 6,588.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 689.81
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,277.81</b>
<b>March Online Giving (not included in total offering above) .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,558.30</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	May 13	Rise Up Singing Sing-A-Long	6:30pm
Monday	May 14	Deacon's Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	May 15	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Saturday	May 19	Faith Formation Board Meeting	8:30am
		Leo Goertz Funeral	10:30am

### Next Week

Sunday	May 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Safe Sanctuary Training	10:45am
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	11:00am
		Renee Send-Off in Whitmore Playground	11:50am
		Taco Salad Potluck	12:15pm
Monday	May 21	Ruth Out of the Office, returning May 29	
Tuesday	May 22	Youth Trip Sponsor Meeting	12:00pm
		Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	May 23	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	May 24	Retreat Planning Committee	7:00pm

### Adult Education Options

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*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness* by Michelle Alexander  
Facilitator: James Rexford ..... Room 111

#### *Reading the Gospel of Luke as Mennonites Today*

Facilitators: Leroy Seat and Ruth Harder..... Wesley Room

#### *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler

Facilitators Dale Graham and Ed Neufeld ..... Sunflower Room