

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 20, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Lori Lichty and Andy Toews**. 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 **Liz Stamper, Allison Unruh and Fischer Unruh**.

Closing Trustees: **Clif Hostetler**

This Morning at Rainbow...

This morning we 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, there will be a brief gathering in Whitmore Playground, followed by a potluck-style taco bar at 12:15.

Today is a bittersweet day for me as I mark an ending to this very important chapter with all of you. I cannot thank you enough for the love, support, and generosity you have shown me these last four years. It has truly been a blessing to work, learn, and grow with all of you. I have been constantly amazed at the community that is shown to one another in this congregation and hope that I will be able to bring part of this with me on my next journey at seminary. Please know you will be held in a special place in my heart moving forward. You are, after all, my first youth group and congregation. Today is not a goodbye (I'll still be here next Sunday!) It's a turn in this holy road for all us. ~ Renee

We welcome Will Compton, our Rainbow Ministry Summer Intern. Will moved into the Rainbow Guest House Friday evening and has already begun his work with Rainbow over the weekend! Consider sending Will a word of welcome!

This is the last day of children's and youth Sunday School and WorshipArts for the spring semester. There will be no Sunday School or WorshipArts this summer.

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

Announcements

Next Sunday, May 27, our morning service will end in the Remembrance Garden.

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.

Photo directories are coming! We hope to have printed copies of the new photo directory available next Sunday, May 27 **for a donation of \$10** in the fellowship hall.

Our church will be assisting Trinity Community Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, June 1, 2018, from 10:30am to 1:00pm. If you want to volunteer to help that day, you may email Nancy Boschè. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Please consider giving this a try.

Save the Date! There will be a baby shower for Tina Hestand and Joshua Chittum on June 16 beginning at 3:30 at Jan and Lonnie Buerge's home. More details to come!

Second hour fun! This summer Ruth (and whoever she can get to help her), will lead an hour of bible learning and discussion via music. We will spend time listening to and analyzing songs of a variety of genres (hip hop, bluegrass, americana, rap, etc.) that have scriptural references planted in them, whether subtle or overt. This will be a chance for us to learn from and experience a variety of musical artist's playful, whimsical, sometimes serious reflection on scripture. A drawing activity will be available for children whose parents wish to stay! Adults can always color too.

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!

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).

Staff Updates

Ruth will be in Washington, D.C., May 21-27, attending the annual Festival of Homiletics, a week-long conference that brings together a wide variety of preachers and professors of preaching to inspire a discourse about preaching, worship and culture in the 21st century. The theme this year is Preaching and Politics. Richard VanDyke will be the deacon on call while Ruth is away.

The church office will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Community Events

From Susan Kysela: For those interested in theater and the African American experience, the play "Ain't No Such Thing as Midnight Black" runs May 25th-June 9th at the Just Off Broadway Theater. It is directed by Nicole Hodges Persley, an outstanding director and theater professor at KU. To read the synopsis or purchase tickets see www.KCMeltingPot.com. (Do check directions to the theater or use GPS; you can see it but cannot get there from 31st Street.)

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 13, 2018

Attendance.....	142
Visitors (included in attendance count)	14
General Fund	\$ 3,913.03
Other Donations	\$ 878.50
Total Offering	\$ 4,791.53

This Week

Sunday	May 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Safe Sanctuary Training	11:00am
		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

Next Week

Sunday	May 27	Remembrance Garden Gathering	10:30am
Monday	May 28	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday	May 29	Summer Program Staff Training Week Begins	
		Staff Outing: Church Office Closed at Noon	12:00pm
Thursday	May 31	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Jun 1	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am
		Wedding Rehearsal	4:00pm
Saturday	Jun 2	Wedding	5:30pm

Adult Education Options

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