

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 27, 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 **Jonathan Bollinger and Andy Toews**. Greeters are **Peggy Coriell and Melissa Funk**. 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 **Barbara Baumgartner and Natasha VanDyke**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

Remembering in Prayer...

Delores Jankovich is recovering well from surgery at Kansas City Transitional Care Center located across from KU Med Center at 3910 Rainbow Blvd. If you would like to visit, please text or call her cell to let her know 913-484-1654.

The family of Leo Goertz is so thankful for all of the support we have received over these weeks since Leo's death. The memorial service, which Leo planned, was exactly what he would have wanted: thoughtful words from Pastor Ruth; beautiful music organized by Rosi Kaufman, including organ preludes by Carol Buller, a brass quintet organized by Christian Buller which included Rainbow members Andy Toews and Aaron Linscheid, the amazing Alleluia directed by Rosi, and the Brahms' Serious Songs sung by Armando Contreras, baritone from UMKC, tracked down by Rosi to do this with readings by Lonnie Buerge; and luncheon organized by the social committee under the direction of Becky Bartel. Thanks to ushers, greeters, traffic monitors, sound, video, Carrie for coordinating...wow there are so many people who made this happen...Our hearts are overflowing.

This Morning at Rainbow

The morning's meditation, *Half-Built Bridge*, is drawn from the RMC archives. Former pastor Frank G. Ward and Rev. John W. Gaeddert provided this meditation at a memorial service for their friend and fellow pastor, Arnold Nickel. We will end our service in the Rainbow Remembrance Garden.

Announcements

Come down to the fellowship hall to pick up your new church directory after worship this morning! A table is set up where you can leave a donation to cover printing costs then take your printed, pictorial directory with you.

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 contact Nancy Bosché. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Please consider giving this a try.

Join us for a celebration with the families of the Rainbow Summer Program scholars on Friday, June 8 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. The Outreach Committee will be providing a nacho bar and is inviting attendees to bring fruit, desserts, or other complimentary food items. If you can't bring food, come and join us for a fun time in Whitmore Playground. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare food, set up, or clean up please contact Terry Rouse.

Join us Saturday, June 9th from 8am to noon for a **work day in the Whitmore Playground!** We are planning on cleaning up debris from trees, raking and tilling wood chips, pulling weeds, replacing railroad ties, and general park clean up. Please bring rakes, hedge trimmers, and any other tools you think would be helpful!

All are invited to a baby shower for Tina Histan and Joshua Chittum on June 16 beginning at 3:30pm hosted by Jan and Lonnie Buerge, along with Ken and Carrie Parsons, at the Buerge residence. Please see the midweek email to access the invitation and RSVP information or call the church office at (913) 236-8820.

Sunday morning 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.

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).

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.

Staff Updates

Ruth returns this evening from her week-long conference on Preaching and Politics in Washington, D.C. Richard VanDyke is the deacon on call through this evening.

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

Community Events

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.
 - ◆ Tuesday’s local carpool 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.
 - ◆ Rainbow Mennonite Church has been asked to help provide a **main dish** for a Nonviolent Direct Action Training and PPC info session in Kansas City, KS on **Saturday, June 2 at 4:00pm;** see midweek email for details.
 - ◆ All are also invited to attend local Truth Slam events each Thursday evening in KCK beginning at 8:00pm; see midweek email for details.

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 **Rosedale Farmers Market** is now open! The Market operates every Sunday from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the Commerce Bank parking lot at 4020 Rainbow Blvd across from KU Medical Center. It's a great place to purchase produce, starter plants, baked goods, chocolate, jams and jellies. Come see what's happening at the Market after church!

May 20, 2018

Attendance.....	174
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 8,840.00
Other Donations	\$ 322.00
Total Offering	\$ 9,162.00

This Week

Sunday	May 27	Remembrance Garden Gathering	10:15am
Monday	May 28	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday	May 29	Staff Outing: Church Office Closed at Noon	12:00pm
		Summer Program Staff Training Week Begins	
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

Next Week

Sunday	Jun 3	Senior Reception	10:30am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	10:45am
Monday	Jun 4	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
		Summer Program Room Preparation Week Begins	
Tuesday	Jun 5	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jun 6	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Friday	Jun 8	Summer Program Parent Info Night	6:00pm
Saturday	Jun 9	Whitmore Playground Work Day	8:00am