

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 8, 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 are **Dan Duncan and Jerry Jantz**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 Heidi Braun**.

Closing Trustee: **Steven Cress**

Remembering in Prayer...

Today's rose is in honor of Harold Brubacher Staunton Murphy, born to Kate Brubacher and Grayson Murphy on June 30. Harold is happy and healthy, as are his siblings, Eleanor and Gray.

Last week Margaret Ward called the church to request prayers for her husband, Frank. Frank has now moved to Kidron nursing home in North Newton, KS. (Margaret will stay in the home.) Margaret is praying for God's will, and she invites us to pray for the same. Frank and Margaret were active members at Rainbow for over 20 years, when Frank served as the Rainbow pastor.

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits and warmth you showered on me as I recovered from a broken leg, I was overwhelmed by your generosity yet buoyed by our Rainbow "family". We are blessed to have one another. ~ Laura Schmidt

This Morning at Rainbow

The sermons as of late have been a response to various current events and headlines. Today Ruth continues this series by preaching a sermon on the difficult and sensitive topic of suicide. A note from Ruth: "Many of us have been touched and perhaps consumed by suicide or suicidal ideation. I hope to approach this particular anguish with sensitivity and love, as we yearn together for a deeper sense of God's love."

Summer Sunday School for all ages! Join us in the sanctuary as we spend the second hour 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. One of the songs we will consider this morning is *When David Heard* by Eric Whitacre.

There will be no separate Sunday school for children and youth this summer, but all ages are invited to the education hour mentioned above.

Announcements

Save the Date! The Rainbow Summer Program Finale will be held July 19 beginning at 6:00pm at Vox Theatre. All are welcome!

Two services of remembrance will be held at Rainbow Sunday, July 22:

- 1) A gathering in honor of Lee Beers will take place in the Rainbow Remembrance Garden starting at 11:45 am (after the second hour). This will mark the one-year anniversary of Lee's death.
- 2) A gathering in honor of Irene Stewart will take place at 1:00pm in the Rainbow sanctuary following a light meal over the noon hour provided by the Stewart family. A note from David and Nancy: Irene Stewart, David's mother, died peacefully and mercifully, surrounded by her immediate family, on Friday, June 30. Irene's burial was held this past Monday in Bartlesville, OK. David and Nancy appreciate the love and support of the Rainbow community.

Vacation Bible School will be offered on Saturday, July 28th from 9:30am to 1:30pm. The theme will encompass the history of Rainbow as a church and its connection to the community. Activities will include music, crafts and drama with a focus on storytelling. VBS is offered to students ages 3 years old to 5th grade. If you are interested in having a child attend or volunteering yourself, please contact Jonathan Wiebe.

The Rainbow Retreat Committee will be hosting "**A Symposium: The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives – Consider, Confront, Change**" September 28 -30, 2018. Jalane Schmidt, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, will be our keynote speaker. For a link to more information, please see the midweek email.

Church pictorial directories are available in the church office. Please contact Carrie Parsons at office@rainbowmennonite.org or (913) 236-8820 to make arrangements for pickup. Please consider a donation of \$5 to cover printing and production cost.

Staff Updates

Carrie Parsons will be out of the office July 9-12. Thank you to Natasha VanDyke for volunteering in the office!

Terry Rouse will be out of the office July 12-13.

Community Events

Rainbow church members Beatrix Amstutz and Kimberly Hunter have provided the following information about ways to get involved in immigration related events and actions:

From Beatrix Amstutz:

Beatrix has been in contact with “The Villages” in Topeka, where refugee children are currently being housed. She will call back to see when donations can be delivered. In the meantime, donations always needed are: school supplies, coloring pencils/pads, craft supplies, and cash donations. If you would like to donate, please place donations in the grey bucket located in the Fellowship Hall.

From Kimberly Hunter:

Early Tuesday morning, June 27, Kansas City ICE Agent Everett Chase battered and jailed Attorney Andrea Martinez while she was representing a pregnant woman (Kenia) & her 3-year old child (Noah). ICE also unjustly detained Kenia's partner, Luis, when he came to say goodbye. If you want to support our immigrant neighbors, here are 2 quick things you can do now:

1. CONTACT KC ICE Assistant Field Officer Director Timothy Nay at 816-880-5055 & Timothy.T.Nay@ice.dhs.gov. Here is a sample message: "I am calling to demand the immediate release of Luis Alfredo Diaz Inestroza, he should not have been detained. He was targeted and tricked by ICE agent Everett Chase as Luis was meant to say goodbye to Kenia, his partner, and Noah."
2. SIGNUP with Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) to donate items and/or physically show up: <https://goo.gl/AkjKjc>

July 1, 2018

Attendance.....	134
Visitors (included in attendance count)	15
General Fund	\$ 6,737.28
Other Donations	\$ 96.50
Total Offering June 3, 2018.....	\$ 6,833.78

This Week

Sunday	Jul 8	Faith Formation Board Meeting	10:45am
Monday	Jul 9	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Jul 10	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Summer Program Parent Meeting	6:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	Jul 12	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jul 15	Faith Formation Board Table Talks	10:45am
Tuesday	Jul 17	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jul 18	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	Jul 19	Rainbow Summer Program Finale	6:00pm
Friday	Jul 20	Wedding Rehearsal	5:00pm
Saturday	Jul 21	Wedding	4:00pm