

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 22, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Dan Duncan and Lori Lichty**. 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 **Allison Unruh and Fischer Unruh**.

Closing Trustee: **Brad Grittman**

Remembering in Prayer...

- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Haydon Micah, born Monday, July 16 to parents Jordan and Emily Regehr and joining big brother Hudson. Congratulations to the whole family, including grandparents, Rod and Amy Kliever.
- ◆ Congratulations to Rainbow congregants, Tim and Laura Waltner, who were married on June 16. Tim and Laura are the parents of Ella, Ewan, Dylan and Stone.
- ◆ Congratulations to Natalie and Joshua Frye, who married at Rainbow yesterday. Natalie attended Rainbow until her first year of medical residency in Wichita, KS.

This Morning at Rainbow

The Faith Formation Board and Personnel Committee is hosting a table talk this morning in the Rainbow Room at 10:45am. Please plan to attend this session (or future sessions on July 29, Aug 12, 19 & 26) to discuss and provide input for the future of the Youth and Outreach Director position here at Rainbow. Handouts will be available at the session with further information. Please note Jesse Graber will be providing a supervised activity for children in the Sunflower room during this time.

Summer Sunday School for all ages! Join us in the sanctuary during the second hour as we listen to and analyze songs of a variety of genres (hip hop, bluegrass, americana, rap, etc.) that have scriptural references planted in them, whether subtle or overt. This morning's musical selection is *Sinnerman* by Nina Simone.

This Afternoon's Remembrance Gatherings

Remembrance Gathering for Irene Stewart

12:00pm Meal hosted by David Stewart and Nancy Bosché

1:00pm Gathering in Sanctuary

Funeral for Glenda Campbell ~ please wear bright colored clothing

3:00pm Visitation in Wesley Room

4:00pm Funeral, Meal to follow

The Remembrance Garden gathering that had also been scheduled for today in honor of Lee Beers is postponed until next Sunday, July 29.

Announcements

The following church members will represent Rainbow as delegates at the Western District Conference annual assembly, July 27-28: Jan Good-Bollinger, Madeline Bollinger, Rosi Penner Kaufman, George Melby, Ruth Harder, Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell.

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.

Our church will be assisting Trinity Community Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, August 3, 2018, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. If you want to volunteer to help that day, you may email Nancy Bosché. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Please consider giving this a try.

Rainbow Mennonite Church strives to be a Safe Sanctuary church for all ages. Each year we provide training on our Abuse Prevention Policy. All adults are encouraged to attend. The youth and children will have their own session to review our safe sanctuary practices. Please note that all congregants serving or volunteering with youth and children are required to participate in this short training. All Deacons and Church Council members should also attend. Training sessions are offered on the following Sundays in August and September: August 5 (11 am), August 26 (8:45 am), September 9 (11 am) and September 16 (11 am).

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

Youth Updates

Please remember our junior high youth and sponsors July 23rd-28th as they embark on a week of service. Their time will include service at the church (playground, orchard, garden, VBS) plus visiting some of our senior church members. In the community, they will spend days at Rosedale Development Association and Community LINC. Thank you to sponsors Will Compton, Jan Good-Bollinger, Ruth Harder, Kimberly Hunter, Terry Rouse and Amanda Lindahl for making this week possible!

Member News

Send-off for Krista and Robert Kaufman! Krista and Robert will be moving to North Carolina at the end of July. On Thursday, July 26 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm, a send-off open house will be held at the home of Ed and Sherie Neufeld. Appetizers will be provided. RSVP by Saturday, July 21 to The Neufelds.

From Beatrix Amstutz: Donations were delivered recently to “The Villages” in Topeka, where refugee children are currently being housed. Donations always needed are: school supplies, coloring pencils/pads, craft supplies, and cash donations. If you would like to contribute, please contact Beatrix.

Dear Rainbow Mennonite family - *A year ago, I finished my Mennonite Voluntary Service term in Kansas City. After some deep thinking, it has become clear to me that my heart is set on moving back to Kansas City in September. I would gladly take any suggestions for job opportunities. My interests are in nonprofits, specifically spiritual or personal development, writing, and communications. My boyfriend is interested in urban ag, adventure education, and cooking or baking. In addition, I am looking for a one-bedroom apartment that allows pets. Thanks in advance for whatever support you have to offer during this time of transition. I look forward to connecting more with each of you in the upcoming months! If anyone wants to reach out, my email address is christinajoyhofer@gmail.com. ~ Christina Hofer*

Jacob Kaufman was recently featured on Knitting the Network Podcast for the National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth. You can access the podcast at the following address: <https://youtu.be/NVqAAseFIac>

Mennonite Church News

Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat 2018 - The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are now available in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are due August 27.

July 15, 2018

Attendance.....	131
Visitors (included in attendance count)	16
General Fund June 8	\$ 6291.00
Other Donations June 8	\$ 264.50
Total Offering June 8, 2018.....	\$ 6,555.50
General Fund June 15	\$ 5,361.00
Other Donations June 15	\$ 88.00
Total Offering June 15, 2018.....	\$ 5,449.00
Total Online Giving June 2018	\$ 5,952.70

This Week

Sunday	Jul 22	Faith Formation Board Table Talks	10:45am
		Meal hosted by Stewart Family	12:00pm
		Irene Stewart Gathering	1:00pm
		Glenda Campbell Visitation	3:00pm
		Glenda Campbell Funeral	4:00pm
Monday	Jul 23	Jr High Service Week Begins	10:00am
Tuesday	Jul 24	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Jul 26	Robert and Krista Kaufman Send-Off	5:00pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Jul 27	Western District Conference Assembly Begins	
Saturday	Jul 28	Vacation Bible School	9:30am
		Jr High Youth Contra Dance	6:30pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jul 29	Faith Formation Board Table Talks	10:45am
		Lee Beers Remembrance Ceremony	11:45am
Monday	Jul 30	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Jul 32	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Aug 1	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
	Aug 3	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am