

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 2, 2019

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to 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 join us for coffee and donuts downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors and newcomers, please look for the Rainbow Connections Table!

This morning's ushers are **Jonathan Bollinger, Karen and Lia Uhlenhuth**. Greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Please ask 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 is located on the second floor of the education wing and is available for children from birth to age 4. This morning's nursery workers are **Barbara Baumgartner, Debra Sapp-Yarwood, Elaine Yarwood and Madeline Bollinger**. The closing trustee is **Scott Weast**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Melisa Synness, sister to Marsha Rhoads, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Melisa in your prayers as she will have a double mastectomy this Thursday. Marsha, currently in South Carolina, will come home next Saturday, then head to Helena, Montana soon thereafter to support her sister.
- Hanna Hochstetler returns today from a 75-mile walk in the Arizona desert to raise awareness about migrants dying in the desert due to our policies and deterrence at the ports of entry. Learn more at <https://azmigrantrail.com>
- Eva Parsons had a successful knee surgery this past week. Continued prayers are requested for the months ahead as Eva strengthens her leg through physical therapy.

This Morning at Rainbow

Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am This summer, second hour will feature a variety of topics and speakers that will hopefully appeal to all ages (No additional/separate activities are planned for children and youth.)

- **This morning:** Randy Regier, a Mennonite who recently moved to KC from Portland, will talk about his involvement with *The Walking Wall Exhibit* at Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.
- **Bell Choir Practice, 10:50 – 11:45am** in the WorshipArts room #120
- **Next Sunday, June 9**, we will watch a documentary about the gun violence epidemic in our country.

Announcements

Next Sunday on Pentecost, we will share in communion and recognize new members. We will also join with other faith organizations in recognizing June 9 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also known as "**Wear Orange Day**" for gun safety.

Join Ben Parker Sutter, and those in his AMBS course, for potluck and a conversation about the Trail of Death at 5pm on June 9. A group from Rainbow will meet at the church at 4:30pm to carpool to their campsite at Jacomo Lake. The Trail of Death traces the path of the 1838 forced removal by the U.S. military of about 850 Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. We're asking Rainbownites to contribute a dish to the potluck. See the recent midweek email for the RSVP link.

The "**Little Library**" in Whitmore Playground could use more books. If you have children's books to donate, please place them in the box located in the east entry coat closet. Thank you!

It's time to make sure Rainbow's online church directory is up to date! Please review the current church directory as it appears in the password-protected congregational section of Rainbow's website. If updates need to be made to your entry, or if you would like to be added to the directory, please send updated photos and contact information to Carrie in the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org).

If you plan to attend the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City this July 2-6, please email or call to let the church office know. This information will be useful when coordinating and communicating about convention details and logistics.

Staff Updates

Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office June 2-13 while attending a seminary course with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This course is a nine-day pilgrimage that traces the route of the 1838 forced removal by the U.S. military of about 850 Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, KS. Ben will remember this Trail of Death expulsion by prayerfully walking several miles of the route each day and by reading journals and letters from the time of the removal.

Terry Rouse will be out of the office while canoeing with the youth June 3-5.

Mark Bartholomew will be out of the office on vacation June 4 – 8.

Rainbow Summer Program

Sharing Community in Rosedale (SCR) and Rosedale Development Association (RDA), in partnership with Rainbow Mennonite Church (RMC), are preparing for this summer's 13th annual Rainbow Summer Program. The Rainbow Summer Program, which operates out of RMC, has endured and thrived with the strong support of the church and its members, and both organizations (SCR and RDA) deeply appreciate the support.

This year the summer program dates are **June 17-July 26**. The teachers and staff will begin orientation and building set-up tomorrow, Monday, June 3. Please note that the newly named Program Coordinator is Samanthe Burton-Bosket. (She replaces Josh Ellerman.) Samanthe's contact is samanthe@rosedale.org. We will learn more about the Rainbow Summer Program in worship on Sunday, June 16. For now, please spread the word that RDA is still recruiting the following open, paid position.

- **AmeriCorps Classroom Facilitator:** Will provide classroom instruction for grades K- 8. Will work from June 1 – July 30, Mon- Fri, for a total of 300 hours. Compensation is a \$2,000 living allowance and an education award of \$1,289.95 at the completion of the service term. Contact Je T'aime Taylor, jetaime@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097, with any questions.

Youth News and Events

Monday June 3-Wednesday June 5, Canoe trip on the Current River

Saturday June 15, Pizza in the Playground

Community Events

Cross-Lines Community Outreach events:

- **June 7, 8 – Smoke Out Hunger**, a fundraiser benefitting Cross-Lines. On Friday, attend our Barn Party (6-9pm at the WyCo Fairgrounds) and enjoy local, live music, barbecue and drinks, and a chicken wing competition. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$10 for kids. On Saturday, teams from all over the country compete for prizes and to qualify for the American Royal. Volunteers are needed for both days of this popular event! To volunteer, email christina@cross-lines.org.
- **June 22 – Community Picnic (12-2pm):** Cross-Lines will be hosting our 5th Annual Community Picnic, a chance for the community to come together and enjoy free food, fun, and music. It's a good opportunity to visit the Cross-Lines campus and see who else lives in the Amourdale/Rosedale area. Interested volunteers can see the above contact info.

May 26, 2019

Attendance.....	117
Visitors (included in attendance count)	13
General Fund	\$ 4,060.00
Other Donations	\$ 142.00
Total Offering	\$ 4,202.00

This Week

Monday	Jun 3	Rainbow Summer Program Classroom Facilitators begin work at Rainbow Youth Leave for Canoe Trip Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Jun 4	Staff Meeting Worship Committee Meeting	11:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	Jun 5	Women's Luncheon Youth Return from Canoe Trip	11:00am
Thursday	Jun 6	Eastern Mennonite H.S. Youth Lock-In & Outreach through Garden Work	

Next Week

Monday	Jun 10	Rainbow Summer Program Staff Continues Classroom Preparation and Training at Rainbow	
Tuesday	Jun 11	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Jun 13	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jun 15	Youth Pizza in the Playground	5:00pm

Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation hosts Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have one volunteer and two MVS associates living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary residents are joined by longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)

Sarah Tomas Morgan, MVS Associate ~ Jewish Vocational Services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)

Joe Lemna, MVS Associate ~ Rainbow Summer Program (joelemna@gmail.com)