

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 7, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary. If you are a newcomer to Rainbow, the Welcoming Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) following today's worship service.

Today's greeters are **Dave and Janelle Schrag**. Ushers are **David Becker and John Mueller**. 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 is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Karla Leuenberg, Ashton Wells and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

The Rainbow Quilters are making comforter tops for Mennonite Central Committee Relief for Refugees. Please bring your machine (if possible), lunch and good spirits to design and sew these tops! We will meet in Fellowship Hall, May 16, 9:30 to 2:00. The more hands we have, the more tops to be made! For questions, contact Marsha Rhodes, Marilyn Klaus or Phyllis Carlson.

The Bel Canto Singers of Hesston College will present a diverse repertoire of choral music Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm here at the church. The program entitled *God Is Near* is inspired by our call to seek out faith in our lives. We are looking for hosts to provide lodging on Tuesday night and breakfast Wednesday morning for 20 students and the conductor. We are also requesting salads and cookies or bars which will be served with KC barbeque for the choir at 5:30pm. Please contact the church office if you can help or speak with Carol Buller for more information.

Do you have a graduate in the family? Please provide their name and current school (and their degree, if applicable) to the church office at office@rainbowmennonite.org or 913.236.8820.

Jubilee Teaser: Save the date for the **Whitmore Jubilee on Saturday June 3rd from 5-8pm**. The jubilee will conclude our grant year that has explored various ways of how one worships and how we use our outdoor space. A stage with live music, food, and family friendly activities will be available for all! Come experience the *Place. People. Play.* at Whitmore Playground.

A People of Two Kingdoms II by Jim Juhnke is now in the Church Library. Jim and his writing is known to many of us at Rainbow. He has authored a careful and comprehensive study of Mennonites who have been active in politics in Kansas. If you've ever lived in central Kansas you will recognize friends, and maybe even relatives, among the 29 individuals who have made an effort to use the electoral process to help influence our Kansas politics. Jim is an astute historian and a good writer. Check it out!

Youth Updates

The May youth group event will take place on tonight from 6-8pm. A special guest will be joining us for the evening to help the youth group create our own Rainbow Mennonite Church geocache. Supper will be provided for this youth event.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the youth group at the silent auction last Sunday. The youth raised over \$1,500 for youth going to MCUSA convention and RMMC Snow Camp. Be on the lookout for contact from the youth who's certificate of service you received (or feel free to contact them yourselves if you are ready to "cash in").

Member News

The families of Jason Leuenberg and Emma Campbell invite the congregation to their High School Graduation reception in the fellowship hall following church on May 21st. Thank you for celebrating with us!

Congratulations to Kayla and Courtney (Ratcliffe) Bartel who were married on Sunday, April 30.

During community building time on Sunday, April 23, Moderator Jan Good-Bollinger read a statement involving a church member. If you would like to review this statement, please call or email the church: office@rainbowmennonite.org

A Message from Rainbow Member, Leo Goertz:

Thank you all for celebrating the visual arts at Rainbow, specifically the publication of the new catalog, and for honoring me and my contributions by introducing it on my birthday last Sunday. It was a memorable event, and I truly appreciate the cards and good wishes extended to me that afternoon. I in turn want to acknowledge the contributions that others make to the physical and spiritual wellbeing of the community. Some of these contributions are more visible than others, and often our service goes unacknowledged. But while the service may be its own reward, it is always heartwarming for the contribution to be publicly recognized. It is my fond hope that everyone has the same heartwarming experiences that I have had.

Mennonite Church News

In preparation for this summer's Mennonite Church USA assembly, congregations are asked to review the resources found on the Mennonite Palestine-Israel Network (MENNOPIN) website, <https://mennopin.org>. This website provides comprehensive resources including the 2017 Resolution on Israel-Palestine that will be voted on this summer in Orlando. Copies of this 2017 Resolution called "Peace in Israel and Palestine: A resolution for Mennonite Church USA" are available in the east and west foyer. Stay tuned for more opportunities to review this resolution with others at Rainbow.

Community Updates

World's Window is still accepting new and gently-used women's clothing donations for Rose Brooks Center (combating domestic violence) through tomorrow, Monday, May 8. Please bring clean clothing on hangers to World's Window at 332 W. 63rd Street in KCMO (on 63rd St. just east of Wornall Rd) Questions? Contact Jan or Lonnie Buerge or check www.worldswindowkc.com

The **Rosedale Community Potluck & Intro to Urban Beekeeping Workshop** will be next Thursday, May 11, 6:00 – 7:30pm at Rosedale Development Association. Join your neighbors for an interactive workshop where you'll see and learn how to build an urban bee hive! Beekeeper Robert Burns from the Northeast Kansas Beekeepers' Association will bring his hive and conduct this training. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 10 at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org and bring a dish or drink to share at the community potluck.

April 30

Attendance.....	163
Visitors (included in attendance count)	11
General Fund	\$3670.75
Other Donations	\$30,468.81
Total.....	\$34,139.56

This Week

Today	May 7	Sr. High Youth at All Souls Church	11:00 am
		Youth Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday	May 9	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	May 10	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday	May 11	Trustee's Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Week

Tuesday	May 16	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
Wednesday	May 17	Jubilee Groupies Meeting	4:00pm
		MVS at Sporting KC Match	7:30pm

Adult Education Classes

Introduction to Robin Meyers and his book *Spiritual Defiance*

Class led by Leroy Seat, Wesley Room

***Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Conner and *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac**

Class led by Dan Duncan and Dan Duncan, Jr., Sunflower Room

This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation

Class led by Clif Hostetler, Room 111

The Wired Word

Class led by June Seat, Library