

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 6, 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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. Ushers are **David and Janelle Schrag**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Marsha Rhoads and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Remembering in Prayer...

A memorial service in honor of Lee Beers was held at Rainbow on August 3. Thank you to all who participated in that service of prayer, song, and candle lighting. Some of Lee's artwork and writings can be found in the Sunflower Room today, as well as some memorial service programs.

Please remember in prayer **Church Administrator Carrie Parsons** as she recovers from her recent open heart surgery. She expects to return to the office in a part-time capacity tomorrow, August 7.

Annie Jones is staying at her son's house at Weatherby Lake while recuperating from a broken leg. Her mobility will be limited for several months, so she welcomes phone calls and visitors. Her cell phone number is (913) 645-2231.

We thank June and Leroy Seat for serving as Rainbow delegates at our annual Western District Conference assembly happening in Arlington, TX this weekend. Please hold them and our conference leaders in prayer.

August Sunday School Hour*

- Today, Aug 6: Finding Your Voice
If you can breathe and talk, you have the physical capability to sing. Even if you don't know how to match pitch (or know what that means), we'll work on finding out what it takes to make the sound come out. We will make some noise!
- Aug 13: Special Congregational Meeting
- Aug 20: The Grammar of Music*
- Aug 27: Holding Your Own*

*August adult education option: singing is one way we respond in worship, but it's a skill that not everyone has had the same opportunity to practice. For three Sundays in August (August 13 will be the congregational meeting), Rosi will lead a Sunday School class on hymn singing. This will cover the basics, and is especially for those who might feel more mystery than mastery when it comes to singing.

Thank you to everyone who bought cinnamon rolls last Sunday! It was a wonderful way to officially end jr high service week! The **jr high youth raised \$509** to go toward helping Mennonite Central Committee support **Syrian refugees**.

Rainbow Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting scheduled for next **Sunday, August 13, immediately following fellowship time during the second hour**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed changes to the youth education/faith formation committee structure. Please look for a handout detailing this proposal in your church mailbox TODAY and/or in the west and east foyers.

Quilters and sewers will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall Monday, August 7 at 9:30 a.m. to continue work on comforter tops for MCC. There is enough work for all! Bring machine, lunch and your creative spirits! We also have some great fabric contributions and still could use even more! Give fabrics to Marsha Rhoads or any one of the quilters.

It turns out the path of the eclipse that will occur on August 21 crosses very near the home of Gail and Steve Goeke who happen to have a 1 acre viewing location to observe the eclipse. Gail and Steve would like to open their property and home in rural Clay County northwest of Kearney, MO for those who would like to gather for this event. Please email, call or speak with Gail or Steve if you plan to attend.

As the school year begins to gear up soon, all students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 13th for a backpack blessing** for this coming school year.

The congregation is invited to a **wedding shower** for Haley Long and Bruce Rushing on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10:00 a.m. The shower will be held at the home of Rod and Amy Kliever. The happy couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and at Crate and Barrel. Please RSVP to akliever.adk@gmail.com.

The Quasi Brothers, Jesse Graber and Steve Goeke, will be joined by Bob and Melissa Atchison from Manhattan, KS at Rainbow Mennonite Church **on August 19**. They'll spend several hours playing the traditional tunes and songs stringband players LOVE to play. They will begin at 12:45 p.m. and continue much of the afternoon, then move to Whitmore Park for the Outreach Committee event taking place there.

Picnic at the Playground - Everyone is invited to the **Whitmore Playground on Saturday, August 19 from 6 to 8 PM** for a community picnic. Hot dogs and brats will be grilling and ice cream chilling. There will be a vegetarian option as well. There will be face painting, art activities, a photo booth, a cake walk for adults and a cupcake walk for kids, volleyball, basketball, a watermelon seed spitting contest, and music. And best of all it is all free. So come out and enjoy the food, the playground, the activities, and hanging out with friends and neighbors from the community. Side dishes are welcomed, but not required. Bringing a lawn chair is recommended. To do all of this we need some volunteers. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to assist with one of the activities, bring a cake for the cake walk, or a side dish.

Inviting singers: As summer tips into autumn, it's time to think about choir. We usually begin the season with a party, but this year we're inviting more guests. We are hosting a retreat for the Rainbow choir and the choir from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Saturday, August 26 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We have invited Dr. Julie Yu-Oppenheim, the co-director of choral studies at K-State, to come as our clinician to help us learn some anthems and give us new ways to think about singing. If you enjoy singing, and particularly if you would like to see what being in the choir is all about, please join us. Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman at music@rainbowmennonite.org for more info.

Staff updates:

Renee Reimer is out of the office through August 7.

July 30

Attendance.....	125
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 8,845.00
MCC Syrian Refugees.....	\$ 508.75
Other Donations	\$ 117.00
Offering Totals.....	\$ 9,470.75

This Week

Monday	Aug 7	Rainbow Quilters	9:30am
Thursday	Aug 10	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Aug 13	Backpack Blessing	9:30am
		Special Congregational Meeting	10:50am
Wednesday	Aug 16	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
Saturday	Aug 19	Saturday Tunes	12:45pm
		Picnic at the Playground	6:00pm