

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 13, 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 **John and Pat Bertche**. Ushers are **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. 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 **Elizabeth Stamper, Ashton Wells and Kennedy Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

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## Remembering in Prayer...

Carrie Parsons has returned as Rainbow Church Administrator after a successful open heart surgery and will work part-time as she continues to recover.

Thank you, Rainbow Community, for your support through prayer, encouraging words, hugs, meal delivery and visits. It has all contributed to what is turning out to be a smooth and speedy recovery after a successful surgery. With much gratitude, Carrie

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.

On August 8th Jessica Custer & Ralph Kirkland became the proud parents of Jaden Daron Kirkland. Jessica is the daughter of Jill McLain Medina & Bill Custer and the granddaughter of Glenda Campbell and Ed & Linda McLain.

Please join us this morning for a special congregational meeting in the fellowship hall 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. Children can meet in the Wesley Room for structured activity with Jonathan Bollinger, Jesse Graber and Madeline Good Bollinger at 10:50am.

### **August Sunday School Hour\***

- 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 two more Sundays in August, 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.

**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 Playground for "Picnic in the Playground" 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.

**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.

Rev. William Barber is coming to Topeka for a **“Mass Meeting for the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival”** on Monday, August 21 at 7:00 pm at Topeka First United Methodist Church. You can hear about the inspiration, vision and strategy for the Campaign which aims to build a broad and deep national moral fusion movement – rooted in the leadership of the poor, marginalized and moral agents and reflecting the great moral teachings – to unite our country from the bottom up.

Dale and Linda Graham are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in August. In honor of this special occasion, their small group will be hosting a reception for them on Sunday, August 27th after the church during fellowship time. Come and celebrate!

**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](mailto:music@rainbowmennonite.org) for more info.

Searching for an older picture of the outside of our church from the southwest corner that would include the tree that used to stand on our lawn - and later was cut and made into our pulpit and communion table. Also, if you have any pictures of the tree being cut down, please share those too. If you have picture(s), please either put them in our box (to borrow/copy) or send them digitally to Lonnie Buerge’s email. Thank you. Jan and Lonnie Buerge

## August 6

Attendance.....	116
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	1
General Fund .....	\$ 6,043.11
Other Donations .....	\$ 287.25
<b>Offering Totals.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,330.36</b>

## This Week

Sunday	Aug 13	Backpack Blessing	9:30am
		Special Congregational Meeting	10:50am
Tuesday	Aug 15	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Aug 16	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	Aug 17	Trustee's Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Aug 19	Saturday Tunes	12:45pm
		Picnic at the Playground	6:00pm

## Next Week

Sunday	Aug 20	Fire This Time Group	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Monday	Aug 21	First Day for Head Start Students	
Tuesday	Aug 22	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
Wednesday	Aug 23	SCR Meeting	6:00pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Aug 26	Choir Retreat	11:00am
		Visual Arts Sanctuary Preparation	2:30pm