

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 1, 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 **Brad and Abigail Grittman**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Liz Stamper, Carrie Parsons and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Remembering in Prayer...

Irene Stewart, David's mother, had a stroke this past Wednesday and died peacefully and mercifully Friday morning surrounded by her immediate family. Irene's service and burial will be in Bartlesville, OK. David and Nancy appreciate the love and support of the Rainbow community.

This past week Margaret Ward called the church to request prayers for her husband, Frank. Frank has now moved to Kidron nursing home in North Newton, KS. (Margaret will stay in the home.) Margaret is praying for God's will, and she invites us to pray for the same. Frank and Margaret were active members at Rainbow for over 20 years, when Frank served as the Rainbow pastor.

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits and warmth you showered on me as I recovered from a broken leg, I was overwhelmed by your generosity yet buoyed by our Rainbow "family". We are blessed to have one another. ~ Laura Schmidt

This Morning at Rainbow

Summer Sunday School for all ages! Join us in the sanctuary as we spend the second hour listening to and analyzing songs of a variety of genres (hip hop, bluegrass, americana, rap, etc.) that have scriptural references planted in them, whether subtle or overt. One of the songs we will consider this morning is *The Star Spangled Banner American Anthem Live at Woodstock 1969* by Jimi Hendrix.

There will be no separate Sunday school for children and youth this summer, but all ages are invited to the education hour mentioned above.

Tonight at 5:00pm the **Rainbow Performing Arts Committee is hosting an organ recital** by Christopher Marks. Dr. Marks is Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Associate Professor of Music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Organ Historical Society from 2015-2017. The OHS honored our Rainbow organ as "an instrument of exceptional historical merit" (you can see the framed citation in the music room) and Chris is a master at playing this type of instrument. This recital is happening the day before the national American Guild of Organists Convention that begins on July 2, in which 1,200 organists from around the world will descend on Kansas City to hear and play music. We are hoping some convention attendees will come early to hear Chris play right here at Rainbow. The recital is free and open to the public. Talk to Nancy Bosché or Rosi Penner Kaufman for more info.

Announcements

The Faith Formation Board and Personnel Committee will host **table talks** on the following Sunday mornings: July 15, 22, 29 and Aug 12, 19, 26 after worship. Please plan to attend one of these sessions to discuss and provide input for the future of the Youth and Outreach Director position here at Rainbow. For a link to more information, please see the midweek email.

VBS! Children who have completed grades K-5 are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School at Rainbow on Saturday, July 28. More information to come!

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. For a link to more information, please see the midweek email.

If you would like a new church pictorial directory, they are available in the church office. Please contact Carrie Parsons at office@rainbowmennonite.org or (913) 236-8820 to make arrangements for pickup. Please consider a donation of \$5 to cover printing and production cost.

Staff Updates

Please note the church office will be closed this Wednesday, July 4.

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office July 2 – 6 due to her involvement with the American Guild of Organists convention held here in Kansas City.

Rainbow Mennonite Church is hiring! Personnel Committee, with support of Rainbow Church Council, is now searching for a Maintenance Coordinator to begin August 1. You can find the job description and posting on the home page of our church website at www.rainbowmennonite.org. Or email Personnel Committee Chair, Nancy Gritman. Applications are due July 6.

Community Events

Rainbow church members Beatrix Amstutz and Kimberly Hunter have provided the following information about ways to get involved in immigration related events and actions:

From Beatrix Amstutz:

Beatrix has been in contact with “The Villages” in Topeka, where refugee children are currently being housed. She will call back to see when donations can be delivered. In the meantime, donations always needed are: school supplies, coloring pencils/pads, craft supplies, and cash donations. If you would like to donate, please place donations in the grey bucket located in the Fellowship Hall.

From Kimberly Hunter:

Early Tuesday morning, June 27, Kansas City ICE Agent Everett Chase battered and jailed Attorney Andrea Martinez while she was representing a pregnant woman (Kenia) & her 3-year old child (Noah). ICE also unjustly detained Kenia's partner, Luis, when he came to say goodbye. If you want to support our immigrant neighbors, here are 4 quick things you can do now:

1. CONTACT KC ICE Assistant Field Officer Director Timothy Nay at 816-880-5055 & Timothy.T.Nay@ice.dhs.gov. Here is a sample message: "I am calling to demand the immediate release of Luis Alfredo Diaz Inestroza, he should not have been detained. He was targeted and tricked by ICE agent Everett Chase as Luis was meant to say goodbye to Kenia, his partner, and Noah."
2. SIGNUP with Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) to donate items and/or physically show up: <https://goo.gl/AkjKjc>
3. PLAY a board game at the KS/MO DREAM Alliance Fundraiser for DACA Scholarships **this afternoon from 4-8 PM** at Wyandotte County Lake's Shelter #14. For carpools, call Kimberly at 559.289.2716. Details here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1729710227095364/>
4. INVITE family, friends, and neighbors to #3.

June 24, 2018

Attendance.....	108
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2
General Fund	\$ 4,265.00
Other Donations	\$ 1,276.50
Total Offering June 3, 2018.....	\$ 5,541.50

This Week

Sunday	Jul 1	Organ Recital Rehearsal	2:00pm
		Organ Recital	5:00pm
Tuesday	Jul 3	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jul 4	Church Office Closed	
		Women's Luncheon	11:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Jul 8	Faith Formation Board Meeting	10:45am
Monday	Jul 9	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Jul 10	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Summer Program Parent Meeting	6:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	Jul 12	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm