

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

April 28, 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 **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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 **Stan Buller, Carol Buller and Leah Schwarz**. The closing trustee is **Scott Weast**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- It is in sorrow and with love that we share the news that Ana Casas passed away unexpectedly on Friday morning, April 26. The family thanks everyone for their expressions of love and support during Ana's recent hospitalization and during her many years of involvement at Rainbow. They ask that we continue holding them in prayer, as we entrust Ana into God's everlasting love.
- Ken Parsons returned home Friday after his recent hospitalization for severe depression. Please pray for increased wellness for Ken and continued support for Ken, Carrie, Eva and Owyn.
- Shawn Ashby, Bob and Phyllis Carlson's son-in-law, is at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, NE. A Caring Bridge site can be found in the midweek email.
- An invitation from Bill and Charity Gourley: We invite you to join our family to honor the life of beauty and integrity that our daughter, Anastacia "Stacy" Gourley lived while with us on Earth. Please gather with us on Saturday, May 4th, 2019, 11:00am at Rainbow. A light lunch will follow the memorial.

This Morning at Rainbow

- Worship 9:30am; WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:25am
- Children & Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am (See next page for spring class descriptions)
- Congregational Potluck and Meeting 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Around 100 kids enjoyed live music, giant soap bubbles, the Easter Bunny, and got to go home with a book, helium and animal balloons, painted faces, and of course Easter eggs from the 34th annual Easter egg hunt in Whitmore Playground last Saturday. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped make this a success.

Organ Recital, Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00pm: Ian Classe, a DMA candidate at the University of Kansas, is presenting a doctoral lecture featuring a discussion on organ registration as well as performances of works by composers Dudley Buck, George E. Whiting, and Everett E. Truette, this lecture-recital will showcase both the works of late-19th century Americans and the 1869 E. & G.G. Hook organ found at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Admission is free to the public.

Everyone is invited to a **Baby Shower for Leah and Greg Schwarz** on Sunday, May 5th from 3-5pm at the home of David Bluford and Vicky. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and on Amazon.com. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 1 using the link found in the midweek email.

Summer Program enrollment night is May 7th and we're looking for about **8 volunteers from 5:30-8:30 pm**. Returning families will arrive at 6:00pm and new families should arrive at 6:30 pm. Volunteer roles include childcare, Spanish interpreting, taking money and paperwork at tables, and floaters to help families with paperwork. Please email Josh Ellerman (josh@rosedale.org) at RDA if interested.

CHANGE OF PLANS! The Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp and Talk has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 11. Please help us spread the word! See Rainbow's Facebook Page or Rainbow News email for links to registration or to RSVP.

- The camp is FREE (from 3-4 pm) and will be held for 4th-8th grade girls in Whitmore Playground. Registration is limited to the first 50 girls.
- Following the camp at 4:30 pm, Jackie will speak on resiliency and hard work in the sanctuary.

All are invited to the Wednesday, May 15 (International Conscientious Objection Day) Ecumenical Prayer for Peace gathering at The World War 1 Museum and Memorial from 6:00 – 7:00pm. This gathering is supported by various organizations, such as Rainbow Mennonite Church, Church of the Brethren, Community of Christ, etc. We will dedicate engraved stones remembering those who, in the spirit of Isaiah 2:4 and Luke 19:42, were Conscientious Objectors of WW1. These stones, which the Rainbow Peace and Social Justice Committee helped purchase, will be placed among many other commemorative stones at the Museum and Memorial entrance.

On Sunday, May 19, at 7:00pm, the **Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College** will perform a concert at Rainbow as part of their annual tour. The Rainbow Performing Arts Committee is being asked to arrange for overnight housing Sunday night and breakfast Monday morning for the nearly 30 singers and staff. Please contact Nancy Bosché if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Cross-Lines 2019 Spring Dig Plant Sale: Help support the programs of Cross-Lines by purchasing plants. Annuals, perennials, vegetable plants, and custom designed pots are offered. The sale is located under a tent on the grounds of Shawnee Presbyterian Church (6837 Nieman, Shawnee, KS). Hours are as follows: Wed, May 1, 4-7pm; Thurs, May 2, 8am-7pm; Frid, May 3, 8am-7pm; Sat, May 4, 8am-1pm.

Renee Reimer is the Children's Program Coordinator for the MCUSA Convention this summer in Kansas City. She is looking for volunteers to spend time with infant and toddlers for a few hours each day. If you are interested in this lovely opportunity, please email Renee Reimer at: ReneeEReimer@gmail.com

Youth News and Events

Sonic Chat for Junior and Senior High Youth: Weather permitting we will be heading to Sonic on Southwest Blvd. immediately after the pot luck today.

Member News and Events

East Hill Singers Spring Concerts ~ *When We've Been There*

Today, Sunday, April 28th hosted by Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr. and on Sunday, and May 5, hosted by Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Ave. *When We've Been There* features American folk pieces - the music of the heart of the country. Concerts start at 4:00 pm and the art exhibit opens at 3:00pm.

Renee Reimer has accepted a pastoral call from Bethel College Mennonite Church and will serve as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation beginning in August. Renee plans to graduate from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 4th, 2019 with a Masters of Divinity. See Renee's words below:

- *I continue to be grateful for the four years I had working at and being a part of the Rainbow community. Rainbow has been filled with so much support for my ministry journey, both financially and spiritually. Thank you for helping me to pave my path in life. You will forever be my first love, my first youth group.*

April 21, 2019

Attendance.....	223
Visitors (included in attendance count)	19
General Fund	\$ 6,851.75
Other Donations	\$ 176.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,027.75

This Week

Sunday	April 28	Congregational Potluck and Meeting	12:00pm
Tuesday	April 30	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Ian Classe Organ Recital	7:00pm
Wednesday	May 1	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
Saturday	May 4	Stacy Gourley Memorial Service	11:00am

Next Week

Sunday	May 5	Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
		Schwarz Baby Shower	3:00pm
Tuesday	May 7	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Rainbow Summer Program Enrollment	6:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	May 8	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	May 9	Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm
		Peace and Justice Meeting	6:30pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	May 11	Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp	3:00pm
		Jackie Stiles Talk	4:30pm

Rainbow Mennonite Church congregation hosts Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have one volunteer and one MVS associate 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.

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