

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## May 12, 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 are **Andrew Toews and Mitch Kaufman**. Greeters are **George Melby and Jake Beachey**. 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 **Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman with Karen, Lia and Thuy Uhlenhuth**. The closing trustee is **Brad Gritman**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Eva Parsons has knee surgery this Thursday, May 16. Please keep her in your prayers as she navigates surgery and ongoing physical therapy in the months to come.

Jimmy Griffin is facing health concerns. He asks for prayers, words of encouragement and cards from the church so that he can keep a positive attitude in these scary times.

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### This Morning at Rainbow

- Worship 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 10:25am
- Children & Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am

***Historical Jesus* by Bart Ehrman, Ph.D., M.Div**

Led by Clif Hostetler, Room 111

***Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors* by Yossi Klein Halevi**

Led by Jana Graham and David Bluford, Library

***An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz**

Led by Kenn Goertz, Sunflower Room

***All the Light We Cannot See* Novel by Anthony Doerr**

Led by Dale Graham, Wesley Room

## Announcements

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Do you have a graduate in the family? We'd love to include their name in our upcoming **Rainbow Graduate List**. Please email your student's name, current school (and their degree, if applicable) by May 16 to [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)

Best laid plans sometimes don't work! Unfortunately the Jackie Stiles led basketball clinic and talk have been canceled due to her coaching responsibilities. She expresses her deepest apologies.

**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. For more details and logistics, see the link in the midweek email.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Therefore next Sunday, May 19, everyone will have an opportunity to tie a green ribbon to a tree outside the church as a way to continue supporting mental health awareness.

There will be a reception to celebrate Marina Kaufman's graduation from high school on Sunday, May 19 during the fellowship time.

Interested in learning about Rainbow church membership? Ruth, with help from Rainbow Deacons, will host a noon meal next Sunday, May 19, for those who want to learn more about Rainbow and what it means to be recognized as a member. Email Ruth to RSVP: [ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

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, hosted by the Rainbow Performing Arts Committee.

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 opportunity, please email Renee Reimer.

## Youth News and Events

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- This morning at 11am **Mother's Day Brunch** for the mothers and grandmothers of Jr and Sr high youth
- Sunday May 19, 11am-12:30pm **Jr and Sr High picnic** in Whitmore Playground.

## Staff Updates

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Carrie Parsons will be out of the office on May 16 and 17. Thank you to Kay Schmidt and LeeAnn Duncan for agreeing to manage the office while she is away.

## Community Events

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Next Chapter Kansas City offers opportunities for persons to learn about options for work, service, and learning after leaving their primary careers. Join us for an informative and enjoyable presentation that focuses on an entrepreneurial venture!

- The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, May 21 will feature an Author Talk by Richard Paradise on his book "Living Life Riverside: Our Nightmarish Pursuit of the American Dream." This is a tragicomedy about the experience that Paradise and his wife Julie had at the age of 50 that involved purchasing and renovating a hotel in the 8,000-foot frozen extremes of Middle Park, Colorado.
- The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

## May 5, 2019

Attendance.....	149
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	11
General Fund .....	\$ 4,489.40
Other Donations .....	\$ 352.00
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,841.40</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	May 12	Mother's Day Brunch hosted by Youth	11:00am
Tuesday	May 14	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	May 15	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Ecumenical Prayer for Peace Gathering	6:00pm

### Next Week

Sunday	May 19	Youth Picnic in Whitmore Playground	11:00am
		Rainbow Strings	4:00pm
		Hesston Bel Canto Singers	7:00pm
Tuesday	May 21	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Women's Luncheon	11:00am

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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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