

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

May 19, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Jimmy Griffin**. Greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Dan Duncan**. 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 **Barbara Baumgartner, Allison and Fischer Unruh**. The closing trustee is **David Becker**.

Today at Rainbow...



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

This morning after worship, everyone will have an opportunity to tie a green ribbon to a tree designated in the Remembrance Garden as a way to continue supporting mental health awareness. Expanding our awareness of mental health challenges and providing support falls under one of our church goals set in 2018: *Foster a caring and supportive church community whereby we minister to one another in ways that help all feel welcomed, a sense of belonging, cared for and safe.*

- **Graduate Reception** at 10:30am for Marina Kaufman in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Church Membership Lunch** 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall: Learn more about Rainbow church membership by joining this lunch with Pastor Ruth and Deacons.
- **Bel Canto Singers of Hesston College, tonight at 7:00pm at Rainbow**
The program, entitled "Grant Us Peace," includes works performed throughout this academic year, with a focus on peace and justice. There will be a cappella and accompanied selections, from Renaissance through contemporary composers, with special music by soloists and small ensembles. Please bring family and friends. A free-will offering will be taken to help the choir cover expenses.

Remembering in Prayer...

- The rose this morning is in honor of the birth of Nora Lyn Schwarz. *We welcomed Nora Lyn Schwarz into the world on Saturday, May 11 at 12:35 am. We are now back home and adjusting to life as a family of three. We are tired but so in love with our new addition! We appreciate all of the love and support from our Rainbow Community.* ~ Leah and Gregory Schwarz
- Knee surgery for Eva Parsons has been postponed until May 28 as more pre-operation physical therapy is needed. Please continue to keep Eva in your prayers as she navigates therapy, surgery and her final weeks of school work.
- From Bob and Phyllis Carlson: Shawn Ashby, our daughter Chris's husband, is at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, after suffering a major stroke. See the recent midweek email for links to help and follow along Shawn's journey to health. We appreciate your interest and prayers.

Announcements

Next Sunday, in honor of Memorial Day weekend, we will end our worship service in the **Rainbow Remembrance Garden**. The Garden is a living memorial to those who have gone before us. The seasonal cycle of the Garden is a reminder of the cycle of life, from birth to death to resurrection. Designed to invite reflection and prayer, the outdoor space also offers a visual symbol to perpetuate cherished memories.

The **Rainbow Strings** are gathering on Sunday, May 26 at Jon & Emily Wiebe's home. Join us at 5pm to roast hot dogs and brats. Bluegrass will start around 6pm. Bring a side dish and a lawn chair. Families are welcome! Email John and Emily Wiebe if you plan to come.

If you plan to attend the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City this July 2-6, please email or call to let the church office know. This information will be useful when coordinating and communicating about convention details and logistics.

The following positions are open for the **Rainbow Summer Program**:

- **Before/After Care Coordinator:** Will oversee the Before/After Care school program. Will work from June 17- July 26, Mon- Fri, 2:30-5:30 pm, 7:00-8:00am daily. Compensation is \$20 per hour.
- **AmeriCorps Classroom Facilitator:** Will provide classroom instruction for grades K- 8. Will work from June 1 – July 30, Mon- Fri, for a total of 300 hours. Compensation is a \$2,000 living allowance and an education award of \$1,289.95 at the completion of the service term.
- Contact Josh Ellermann, 913-677-5097, or josh@rosedale.org with any questions.

Youth News and Events

This morning, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Jr and Sr high picnic in the playground
Saturday May 25, Canoe practice session (More details to come)
Monday June 3-Wednesday June 5, Canoe trip on the Current River

Staff Updates

Last Sunday, the Rainbow Church Council approved hiring **Sarah Neher** as our new Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries (.75 FTE). Sarah will assume this position beginning August 12. We give thanks for Terry Rouse, who will continue as Interim Director until Sarah begins.

Community Events

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.

Canvassing with Safe and Welcoming Wyandotte – Welcoming Wednesday

5:30-7:30pm Wednesday May 22, meeting at Rainbow Mennonite Church

Join us as we'll chat with our neighbors about the state of the Safe and Welcoming ordinance, a Municipal ID with protections for those folks in the community who currently don't have access to services because of lack of identification, an ordinance Rainbow supports. See sign up link in the recent midweek email or contact Ben Parker Sutter (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org).

Cherith Brook (3226 E. 12th St. KCMO, 64127) is hosting **Backs Against the Wall:**

The Howard Thurman Story, a documentary film on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30pm. This will be the first showing of this film in KC. For more information, contact Eric Garbison (816-241-8047 or ericgarb@gmail.com).

Stand Up KC and MORE2 are calling for members of the faith community to join with workers to support raising wages and forming unions. Local congressional representatives have asked to see support from faith groups to convince them this is a worthwhile campaign. Join faith leaders for a Union for All National Day of Action on Thursday, May 23. We'll meet up at 11:30am at 4526 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64110. Email Ben Parker Sutter (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) for information.

May 12, 2019

Attendance.....	164
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2
General Fund	\$ 3,768.00
Other Donations	\$ 154.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,922.00

This Week

Sunday	May 19	Marina Kaufman Graduate Reception	10:30am
		Youth Picnic in Whitmore Playground	11:00am
		Church Membership Lunch	11:45am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
		Hesston Bel Canto Singers	7:00pm
Tuesday	May 21	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Wednesday	May 22	Safe and Welcoming Canvassing	5:30pm

Next Week

Sunday	May 26	Rainbow Dinner and Strings	5:00pm
Wednesday	May 29	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
Thursday	May 30	Church Council	7:00pm

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.

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)
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