

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## May 26, 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 **Darin and Kennedy Kaufman**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Jake and Kelsy Allison**. The closing trustee is **Clif Hostetler**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Hanna Hochstetler is participating in a 75-mile walk in the Arizona desert (May 27-June 2) to raise awareness about migrants dying in the desert due to our policies and deterrence at the ports of entry.

Eva Parsons has knee surgery this Tuesday, May 28. Please keep her in your prayers as she navigates surgery and ongoing physical therapy in the months to come.

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.

### This Morning at Rainbow

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- **Worship 9:30am**, ending in the Rainbow Remembrance Garden
- **Final Spring Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**  
Look for summer adult education options coming soon! There will be no children's or youth classes today.

## Announcements

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The **Rainbow Strings** are gathering this evening at Jon & Emily Wiebe's home (5118 W 77th St. in Prairie Village). 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 Emily and Jon Wiebe if you plan to come.



### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Last Sunday, congregants had the opportunity to tie green ribbons to a tree designated in the Remembrance Garden as a way to continue supporting mental health awareness. If you would like to add to the tree this morning, please find a basket of ribbons outside the sanctuary in the east and west foyers. 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.*

The “**Little Library**” in Whitmore Playground could use more books. If you have children’s books to donate, please place them in the box located in the east entry coat closet. Thank you!

We've been teasing you by playing the bells here and there, but now it's officially time for organized rehearsal! There are already a number of committed players, and our first meeting will be on Sunday, June 2, during the Sunday School hour. We'll meet in the WorshipArts room. If you have indicated interest, or if you would like to see what it's all about, please come to this first meeting where we will discuss rehearsal time and do a brief hands-on introduction to the bells.

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](mailto:josh@rosedale.org) with any questions.

## Youth News and Events

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Monday June 3-Wednesday June 5, Canoe trip on the Current River

## Staff Updates

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- The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 27, for Memorial Day.
- Ben Parker Sutter will be out of the office June 2 – 13 while attending seminary classes at AMBS in Elkhart, IN.
- Terry Rouse will be out of the office while canoeing with the youth June 3-5.
- Mark Bartholomew will be out of the office June 4 – 8.

## Community Events

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### **Cross-Lines Community Outreach events:**

- **June 7, 8 – Smoke Out Hunger**, a fundraiser benefitting Cross-Lines. On Friday, attend our Barn Party (6-9pm at the WyCo Fairgrounds) and enjoy local, live music, barbecue and drinks, and a chicken wing competition. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$10 for kids. On Saturday, teams from all over the country compete for prizes and to qualify for the American Royal. Volunteers are needed for both days of this popular event! To volunteer, email [christina@cross-lines.org](mailto:christina@cross-lines.org).
- **June 22 – Community Picnic (12-2pm)**: Cross-Lines will be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Picnic, a chance for the community to come together and enjoy free food, fun, and music. It's a good opportunity to visit the Cross-Lines campus and see who else lives in the Amourdale/Rosedale area. Interested volunteers can see the above contact info.

## May 19, 2019

Attendance.....	168
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	2
General Fund .....	\$ 6,121.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 161.65
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,282.65</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	May 26	Rainbow Dinner and Strings	5:00pm
Monday	May 27	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday	May 28	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	May 29	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
Thursday	May 30	Outreach Committee Meeting	2:00pm
		Church Council	7:00pm

### Next Week

Monday	Jun 3	Rainbow Summer Program Classroom Facilitators begin work at Rainbow Youth Leave for Canoe Trip Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Jun 4	Staff Meeting Worship Committee Meeting	1:00pm 7:00pm
Wednesday	Jun 5	Women's Luncheon Youth Return from Canoe Trip	11:00am
Thursday	Jun 6	Eastern Mennonite H.S. Youth Lock-In & Outreach through Garden Work	

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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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Sarah Tomas Morgan, MVS Associate ~ Jewish Vocational Services ([sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com))