

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 9, 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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Greeters are **Rebecca Claassen and Melissa Schroeder**. 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 **Tanya Ortman, Amy Ortman and Abigail Gritman**. The closing trustee is **Steve Cress**.

This Morning at Rainbow...

Today is known as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also known as "Wear Orange Day" for gun safety. All are welcome to stay for today's second hour (10:50-11:45 am) documentary in the sanctuary about the gun violence epidemic. Please also take note of the gardening tool placed at the front of the communion table today. This tool was made and gifted to us by an organization called RAWtools. It comes to us thanks to the two Rainbow families who donated guns for this purpose. As we prepare to use this gun-turned-into-gardening-tool over the summer, Lonnie Buerge has provided the following blessing...

*The Savior said,
I have come that you
might have life.
So this tool has been
made that death might
be turned to life; burying
might become planting;
the pain of loss might become
the joy of growing and
violence may be denied
its victory.*

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Tonight! Join Ben Parker Sutter, and those in his AMBS course, for potluck and a conversation about the Trail of Death at 5pm this evening. A group from Rainbow will meet at the church at 4:30pm to carpool to their campsite at Jacomo Lake. The Trail of Death traces the path of the 1838 forced removal by the U.S. military of about 850 Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. We're asking Rainbownites to contribute a dish to the potluck.

Remembering in Prayer

- Melisa Synness, sister to Marsha Rhoads, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Melisa in your prayers as she had a double mastectomy this past Thursday. Marsha will be in Helena, Montana indefinitely to support her sister.
- Congratulations to Sarah and John Phillips who welcomed a baby girl, Adeline Christine, born on Thursday, May 30. Sarah is the daughter of Carol and Stan Buller, thrilled grandparents! Carol is in Massachusetts to help with the baby (and pets) and Stan will visit soon.

Announcements

Summer Second Hour Plans: This summer our second hour will feature a variety of topics and speakers in the sanctuary that will hopefully appeal to all ages. No additional/separate activities are planned for children and youth. Bell Choir Rehearsal will also be held from 10:50 – 11:45 in the Rainbow Room, just outside the kitchen.

Next Sunday, June 16, Pastor Ruth and Katie Sowers will be our co preachers. Katie, now an NFL coach, has been a supporter of the Rainbow Summer Program ever since her older sister was a Servant Intern with the program in the early 2000s. For the past several years, Katie has offered football clinics and motivational words and stories to our summer scholars.

Steve and Gail Goeke lead a group of 8 youth and 3 other adults on a three day camping trip that included canoeing down the Current river. Thanks so much for their guidance, patience, and knowledge. The youth had a lot of fun exploring the woods, canoeing, and splashing around in the water.

It's time to make sure Rainbow's online church directory is up to date! Please review the current church directory as it appears in the password-protected congregational section of Rainbow's website. If updates need to be made to your entry, or if you would like to be added to the directory, please send updated photos and contact information to Carrie in the church office (office@rainbowmennonite.org).

The Western District Conference Assembly will be held in North Newton, KS July 26-27. If you are interested in being a Rainbow delegate, please contact the church office ASAP (office@rainbowmennonite.org). Rainbow can send up to ten delegates to vote on conference-related policies and resolutions.

Youth News and Events

Saturday June 15, Pizza in the Playground 5-7pm

Staff Updates

Ben Parker Sutter is out of the office through June 13 while attending a seminary course with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This course is a nine-day pilgrimage that traces the route of the 1838 forced removal by the U.S. military of 850 Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, KS. Ben will remember this Trail of Death expulsion by prayerfully walking several miles of the route each day and by reading journals and letters from the time of the removal.

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be gone June 10-16, assisting with a class on worship and music at Brite Theological Seminary at Texas Christian University.

Mennonite Church USA Convention

If you plan to attend the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City July 2-6, please email or call to let the church office know.

Choir for MCUSA convention: One of the highlights of the convention in July will be a performance of the Mennonite Piano Concerto, a piece commissioned in 1975 in celebration of the beginning of the Anabaptist movement in 1525. The piece features 10 hymn tunes, which are presented with narration. The narration for this performance will be read by Dale Schrag. The audience will sing some of the hymns, and there will be a mass choir to sing some choral arrangements. The choir, conducted by Russ Adrian and Rosi Penner Kaufman, will have two rehearsals: Wednesday, July 3 (6-7:30pm) and Thursday, July 4, (6-7pm) with one additional rehearsal for local singers at Rainbow before the convention. The performance will be July 4 at 7:15pm. You do not need to register for the convention to sing in the choir. Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman if you would like to participate.

Rainbow Summer Program

Sharing Community in Rosedale (SCR) and Rosedale Development Association (RDA), in partnership with Rainbow Mennonite Church (RMC), are preparing for this summer's 13th annual Rainbow Summer Program. The Rainbow Summer Program, which operates out of RMC, has endured and thrived with the strong support of the church and its members, and both organizations (SCR and RDA) deeply appreciate the support. This year the summer program dates are **June 17-July 26**.

The teachers and staff will began orientation and building set-up last week. Please note that the newly named Program Coordinator is Samanthe Burton-Bosket. (She replaces Josh Ellerman.) Samanthe's contact is samanthe@rosedale.org. We will learn more about the Rainbow Summer Program in worship on Sunday, June 16.

Community Events

The **Rosedale Farmers Market** is now open and has new hours! The Market operates every Sunday from 9:00am – 1:00pm in the Commerce Bank parking lot at 4020 Rainbow Blvd. across from KU Medical Center. It's a great place to purchase produce, eggs, baked goods, jams and jellies, and chocolate. Senior Farmers Market Vouchers are now available at the Market. We hope to see you on Sunday!

June 2, 2019

Attendance.....	121
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6
General Fund	\$ 6,195.00
Other Donations	\$ 170.05
Total Offering	\$ 6,365.05

This Week

Monday	Jun 10	Rainbow Summer Program Staff Continues Classroom Preparation and Training at Rainbow	
Tuesday	Jun 11	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Jun 13	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jun 15	Youth: Pizza in the Playground	5:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jun 16	Playground Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Youth & Parent Convention Lunch Meeting	12:00pm
Monday	Jun 17	Rainbow Summer Program Scholars Begin	
		Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Jun 18	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jun 19	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Friday	Jun 21	Rosedale Day of Play / Picnic in Playground	3:00pm

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