

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## June 23, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Dick Tatro and Jimmy Griffin**. 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. Nursery workers are **Kate Brubacher and Karla Leuenberg**. Closing trustee is **Clif Hostetler**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- Carl Rempel, beloved past member at Rainbow and brother to Michelle Roman, died on June 19, 2019 at 11:30pm. He had been under the care of hospice since March. Celebration of life service will be Sunday, June 23 at 3:00pm at First Mennonite Brethren Church in Wichita, KS.
- Christy Griffin, sister-in-law to Jimmy Griffin, will have surgery on June 24. In addition, Jimmy's uncle died this past week. Please pray for Jimmy and his family.

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### This Morning at Rainbow

**Worship 9:30am** ~ We welcome Zondi Krehbiel as a new member...

*I was born in Zambia and went to Salvation Army church with our grandmother. Later I moved to South Africa at age 16 where my parents took us to the Catholic Church and I was baptized at 18. I came to the USA in September 2000 for college, later met my husband, Duane, and he introduced me to the Mennonite church which I really loved because people really live as they preach. A very welcoming, supportive church. ~ Zondi*

**Summer Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45**

- Ben Parker Sutter will share about his AMBS Trail of Death class he recently completed. This course was a nine-day pilgrimage that traced the route 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.
- Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Rainbow Room, just east of the kitchen.

## **Announcements**

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**A note from RMC Deacons** (Mike Peters, chair; Leah Schwarz, Sallie Page-Goertz, Dick Tatro, Marsha Rhoads, David Stewart): Per our church constitution that states the Rainbow Pastor should be reviewed formally by the congregation every three years, the Rainbow Deacons invite members and regular attendees to participate in an evaluation of our Pastor, Ruth Harder. The purpose of this pastoral evaluation is to strengthen the relationship between Ruth and the congregation by providing feedback that encourages Ruth in her work and helps identify any areas for growth. A link to an online survey is available in the recent midweek email. Paper copies of the survey are available upon request. The deadline for completion is Monday, July 15. Thank you for your prayerful responses.

**Rainbow Young Adults ~ Camping at Clinton Lake State Park:** We'll reserve some primitive campsites for Friday, June 28th and Saturday, June 29th. The park is only 45 minutes from KC metro, you can join the group for as much or as little as you'd like. Saturday daytime activities may include swimming, sand volleyball, hiking, biking, and canoeing. Please sign up via Facebook or by talking to Christina as soon as possible!

An invitation from Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS: All are invited to hear Pauline Sharp's presentation about Kanza history and the Kanza Heritage Society on Sunday evening, June 30, from 7 to 8:30. This presentation will be at Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS (615 Lincoln Street), and is hosted by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Please note that a member of this Coalition, Sarah Augustine, will be preaching at Rainbow earlier that day on June 30.

Rainbow Mennonite Church begins a new volunteer opportunity at Cross-Lines on Monday, July 1, 2019. We will be joining with Shawnee United Methodist Church to serve lunch in the community kitchen on the first Monday of every month. We need 3 people to help at the facility, 646 South 7th St., Kansas City, KS, from 10:15-1:00 on Monday, July 1. Contact Nancy Bosché if you are willing to help.

**Save the Date!** Vacation Bible School Day will be held on Saturday morning into early afternoon on August 17. Activities will include music, bible storytelling, crafts, and drama. More information coming soon!

## **Staff Updates**

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Terry Rouse will be out of the office June 25 – July 1.

## **Mennonite Church USA Convention**

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**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 on July 1(7-8:30pm). 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.

**A note from Pastor Ruth about Pink Menno\* at the Mennonite Church USA convention:** I'm serving on a planning committee for Pink Menno's 10th anniversary party on **Thursday evening, July 4, at The Bauer.** All are invited (no convention registration required). Open space and welcome will begin at 6:30 pm followed by a recent documentary film about Wendi Moore-O'Neil's life work. The Pink Menno anniversary party will run from 9:30-11 pm. Come and go as you can.

\*Pink Menno's vision is to achieve healing and hope for the Mennonite Church through the inclusion and welcome of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals and their supporters. Their strategy is to remain a visible, vocal, and nonviolent presence supporting, sustaining and furthering witness to the goodness of LGBTQ people. You can read more here: <https://www.pinkmenno.org/>

## **Rainbow Summer Program**

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- This week, 100 scholars gathered for Rainbow Summer Program, a 6-week summer enrichment program dedicated to reading, financial literacy, health and wellness, parental involvement, community service, and social action.
- Harambee, a combination of music, cheers, chants, and reading starts every day by getting scholars energized and affirming they have "something inside so strong."  
**Please feel free to join the scholars for Harambee and "Read Aloud" any morning, 8:30-9:00am, throughout the summer!**
- Please consider supporting Rainbow Summer Program financially by providing the church office with a check made out to Sharing Community in Rosedale or donate online here: <http://rainbowmennonite.org/serving/rainbow-summer-program/>

## Community Events

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The **Rosedale Farmers Market** is now open and has new hours! The Market operates every Sunday from 9am – 1pm 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 16, 2019

Attendance.....115  
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....7

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#### This Week

Sunday	Jun 23	Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:50am
Tuesday	Jun 25	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Jun 27	Rainbow Summer Program Parent Meeting	6:00pm
		Church Council Meeting	7:00pm

#### Next Week

Sunday	Jun 30	Faith Formation Board Meeting	10:45am
		Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:50am
Monday	Jul 1	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Jul 2	MCUSA Convention Begins	
		Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jul 3	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
Thursday	Jul 4	Church Office Closed/No Summer Program	

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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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