

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## June 30, 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 **Andy Toews and Mitch Kaufman**. Greeters are **Jake Beachey and George Melby**. 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 **Allison Unruh and Fischer Unruh**. Closing trustee is **Brad Grittman**.

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### **This Morning at Rainbow...**

#### **Worship at 9:30am**

Our guest preacher this morning is Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) woman who lives with her family in White Swan, Washington. Sarah is a member of Seattle Mennonite Church and cochair of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. She will speak about seeking right relationship and balancing power from the context of seeking human rights alongside Indigenous Peoples.

#### **Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am**

Our summer schedule for second hour will feature a variety of topics and speakers that will hopefully appeal to all ages (No additional/separate activities are planned for children and youth.)

- This morning: Learn more about Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery initiatives/learning events happening in Mennonite Church USA and beyond.
- Bell Choir Rehearsal will be in the Rainbow Room, just east of the Kitchen.

#### **Continued Worship Tonight**

Tonight! 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.

## Remembering in Prayer...

Carl Rempel, beloved past member at Rainbow and brother to Michelle Roman, died on June 19. He had been under the care of hospice since March. A Celebration of life service was last Sunday. Please continue to pray for the Rempel and Roman families.

Congratulations! A note from conference minister, Heidi Regier Kreider:

"Western District Conference Ministerial Leadership Commission at their meeting on June 21 approved Licensing Toward Ordination for David Richardson-Spaite for a 2 year period, following his licensing interview with the commission. We are grateful for God's work in his life, and for his gifts and calling to chaplaincy ministry."

## Announcements

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All are invited to Emmeline Walker's Suzuki Book 3 violin recital at noon on today in the sanctuary. The recital will be 20-30 minutes long and there will be treats!

Kate Becker, one of the organizers of the Pink Menno movement will be our guest next Sunday. During the second hour Kate will lead a session called *Trans 101*. This connects us with one of our adopted congregational goals of seeking to build a supportive church community as we explore LGBTQ+inclusion and awareness.

**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.

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](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)). Rainbow can send up to ten delegates to vote on conference-related policies and resolutions.

All are invited to a baby shower for Haley and Bruce Rushing on Sunday, July 28, at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Amazon and at Target. Please RSVP through the link in the midweek email.

**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!

## **Youth News and Updates**

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There will be a meeting about convention details for all youth and parents this evening in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm.

The youth and youth sponsors will be attending MennoCon19 from July 2-6. Sr High youth will be staying overnight throughout the week while Jr High youth will attend during the day. On Friday, July 5, Jr High Youth will have a lock-in at Rainbow.

## **Staff Updates**

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Terry Rouse is out of the office on vacation through tomorrow, Monday, July 1.

Please note changes in staff schedules during the week of convention, July 2-6:

- Terry Rouse and Ben Parker Sutter will be attending MennoCon19 with the Jr. and Sr. High Youth July 2-6.
- While the church will be open during regular office hours, 9am – 4pm, during the week of convention, staff availability will vary based on convention attendance.
- On Thursday, July 4, the church office will be closed and there will be no Rainbow Summer Program.

## **Rainbow Summer Program**

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100 scholars gather during the week at Rainbow 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."  
**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 at Rainbow's website.

## 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 23, 2019

Attendance.....	142
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	9
General Fund June 16.....	\$ 3,910.00
General Fund June 23.....	\$ 6,813.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 432.91
<b>Total Offering June 17 and 23 .....</b>	<b>\$ 11,155.91</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Jun 30	Faith Formation Board Meeting	10:45am
		Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:50am
		Youth and Parent Convention Meeting	5:00pm
Monday	Jul 1	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
		Convention Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Tuesday	Jul 2	MCUSA Convention Begins	
Wednesday	Jul 3	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(Le Peep Restaurant, 7936 Quivira Rd)	
Thursday	Jul 4	Church Office Closed / No Rainbow Summer Program	
Friday	Jul 5	Jr High Lock-in	
Saturday	Jul 6	Organ Workshop	8:30am

### Next Week

Sunday	Jul 7	Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:50am
Tuesday	Jul 9	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Jul 11	Rainbow Summer Program Parent Meeting	6:00pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

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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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