Rainbow Mennonite Church

**July 7, 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 **Brad and Nancy Grittman**. Greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Brenda Tatro.** 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 **Amy Ortman, Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Liberty Brigman.** Closing trustee is **Scott Weast.**

**This Morning at Rainbow…Worship at 9:30am; Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am**

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

* Kate Becker, one of the organizers of the Pink Menno movement will be our guest this morning. 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.
* Bell Choir Rehearsal will be in the Rainbow Room, just east of the Kitchen.

**Announcements**

**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 in the office upon request. The deadline for completion is Monday, July 15. Thank you for your prayerful responses.

Last Sunday our guest preacher, Sarah Augustine, talked about the Anabaptist-led Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition that she helped to form. If you would like to learn more, the Coalition has created the following movie: <https://dofdmenno.org/movie/>

Thank you to Rainbow congregant, Paul Cesare, for submitting an article featured in the June 24 issue of Mennonite World Review. It's titled, "National World War I Museum remembers COs."

Congrats to Rainbow member and former employee, Renee Reimer, on receiving Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Award for Excellence in Preaching from the seminary. In August, she will begin as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, Kansas.

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!

**Rainbow Summer Program**

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.

**Rainbow Financial Update**

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**June 30, 2019**

Attendance 163

Visitors (included in attendance count) 11

General Fund $ 4,732.00

Other Donations $ 287.55

**Total Offering** **$ 5,019.55**

**This 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

**Next Week**

Sunday Jul 14 Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:50am

Tuesday Jul 16 Staff Meeting 1:00pm

Wednesday Jul 17 Women’s Luncheon 11:00am

(Le Peep Restaurant, 7936 Quivira Rd.)

Welcoming Committee Meeting 1:00pm

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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