

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

July 14, 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 **Melissa Schroeder and Becca Claassen**. 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 **Stan Buller, Carol Buller and Abigail Gritman**. Closing trustee is **David Becker**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Danny Kaufman experienced a sudden onset migraine while driving last Saturday night. He was able to pull over, but experienced several seizures in the ambulance and in the emergency room. A battery of tests has proven inconclusive, and Danny reports that "he feels as normal as ever." Please keep Danny in your prayers as he and his family seek answers for this mystery.

Robert Sagastume and Dustin Fish are Rainbow members now living in St. Louis, attending St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship. The church recently experienced some vandalism, believed to be hate crime-related. Robert and Dustin are asking for prayers.

This Morning at Rainbow

Second Hour 10:50 – 11:45am

- During second hour we will review and discuss a recent book by Miriam Toews called "Women Talking." This morning Pastor Ruth will share a general review of Miriam Toews and her background as a Canadian Mennonite writer, and on July 21, Stephanie Krehbiel will share a detailed review of the book, "Women Talking." Please note that these sessions will include the potentially triggering subject of sexual violence. (No additional/separate activities planned for children and youth.)
- Bell Choir Rehearsal will be in the Rainbow Room, just east of the Kitchen.

Announcements

The deadline for completing the pastoral evaluation for Ruth Harder is tomorrow! If you haven't already filled it out, please access the link to the online survey in the recent congregational email. We appreciate your participation. ~ RMC Deacons

Brief report on MCUSA convention music events: First, a big Thank You to Kathryn Kreider, Vicky Kaufman, David Bluford, Dale Graham, Phil Rhoads and Janelle Campbell for coordinating rides to Rainbow for the organ workshop on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, the timing of the workshop meant that there weren't many participants, but having volunteers available at least made it possible. Also, a group of about nine Rainbow singers participated in the Mennonite Piano Concerto event. Not only did they sing, but were very helpful in organizing music and in general being good sports. Thank you! -- Rosi Penner Kaufman

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.

The Outreach Committee will host a family night of magic and comedy on Friday, August 2, at 7:00pm, featuring Tom Burgoon, a Kansas City-based professional magician. We hope to welcome many neighborhood and community people into our building for a super-entertaining evening of fun for all ages. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

Save the date! On Sunday, August 4 we plan to celebrate Terry Rouse in honor of the work he has done as a staff member at Rainbow both as Maintenance Coordinator and Interim Youth Ministries Director over the years. More information to come.

Imagine God! will be the theme of our Vacation Bible School Day on August 17 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Activities will include music, bible storytelling, drama, and art. It is open to all preschool through 5th grade persons. Please RSVP through link in the midweek email.

Youth Events

Saturday July 13, 5-7pm Pizza in the Playground

Sunday July 21, 6pm Movie Night at the church (pending RSVP's)

Saturday July 27, 7-10pm Contra Dance (pending RSVP's)

Staff Updates

Rosi Penner Kaufman is attending the Hymn Society Convention, July 14–18.

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." **Please 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.
- Mark your calendars! The **Rainbow Summer Program Finale** will take place at Vox Theatre on Wednesday, July 24 beginning at 6:00pm. More details to come.

Rainbow Financial Update

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Highlights: 2019 vs. 2018 (as of 5/31)

	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	Variance Fav/(Unf)	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	Variance Fav/(Unf)
Revenues	\$ 161,818	\$ 168,772	\$ (6,954)	\$ 161,818	\$ 170,094	\$ (8,277)
Expenses	157,800	178,522	20,722	157,800	164,585	6,786
Net Income	4,018	(9,750)	13,768	4,018	5,509	(1,491)
Bank Balances				176,527	163,806	12,721
Mortgage				371,345	402,648	31,302
Endowment				92,079	61,750	30,329

Highlights through the end of May:

- 2018 revenues are about 4% under budget, and about \$8.2K behind our revenues at the same point in 2018.
 - Much of this revenue shortfall was caused by weak contributions in May, which were around \$12,000 under budget.
 - YTD contributions as of 5/31 were \$152,295, which is roughly 34% of our annual 2019 contributions budget of \$453,016.
 - Head Start recently informed us that they will not be renewing their lease for the 2019-2020 school year, due to a loss of grant funding. This will result in a \$6,000 budget shortfall in rental income for 2019.
- 2019 expenses were significantly below budget as of 5/31, and also behind where we were at this point in 2018.
 - Shortfalls on the expense side were caused primarily by lower than budgeted spending on electricity, park maintenance, building maintenance, peace and social justice, and educational expenses.
- Net Income is \$4K compared to a \$9.8K budgeted loss through May. Our Net Income is \$1.5K behind where we were at the same point in 2018.
- Cash in the bank remains in a very healthy position.
- Our mortgage balance has been reduced by \$31.3K in the past twelve months.
- The Rainbow Mennonite Church Endowment Fund is at \$92.1K, an increase of \$30K over the balance at this time last year.

Please remember online giving as a way to make contributions if you will be away for vacation. You can access online giving at the church website or find the EasyTithe app on your smartphone. If you encounter any difficulties with online giving, please contact Andy Toews at treasurer@rainbowmennonite.org.

July 7, 2019

Attendance.....	149
Visitors (included in attendance count)	16
General Fund	\$ 2,826.00
Other Donations	\$ 185.50
Total Offering	\$ 3,011.50

This Week

Sunday	Jul 14	Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:50am
Tuesday	Jul 16	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jul 17	Women's Luncheon (Le Peep Restaurant, 7936 Quivira Rd.) Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:00am 7:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Jul 21	Bell Choir Rehearsal	10:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
Monday	Jul 22	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Jul 23	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Jul 24	Rainbow Summer Program Finale at Vox	6:00pm
Thursday	Jul 25	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	Jul 26	Final Day for Rainbow Summer Program Western District Conference Assembly Begins	

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.

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)

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

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