

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 16, 2014

Good Morning! Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary.

Our ushers are **Mitch Kaufman and Jonathan Bollinger**; our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if have questions about the location of Sunday School rooms or the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Karla Leuenberg, Amy Kliewer, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **John Mueller**

Thanks to everyone who brought coats and financially contributed to the Cross-Lines Christmas store last Sunday! Our goal is to raise \$8000 for the food section of the store, which is organized by our congregation. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'; please put cash in an envelope and mark it 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'.

Cross-Lines Christmas Store needs your help! This year the Christmas Store is located at 1021 Pacific Ave, Kansas City, KS. Volunteers are still needed to sort items before the store opens and staff the store while customers shop, from December 1 – 6. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Annie Jones

Attention Rainbow Committees – Stewardship Committee will be seeking your input for the 2015 budget during November. Each committee chair will receive instruction and information to use in preparing the 2015 budget request. Please make this part of the agenda for your November committee meetings. All requests will be due back to the Stewardship Committee about December 1.

You are invited to **Rosedale Family Game Night** on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6-8pm. Come enjoy a fun evening of pizza and games with Freedom School families. We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving the food, playing board games with kids and clean-up. Terry Rouse will be making homemade pizza, along with other members of the Outreach Committee. This event is a great opportunity to interact with children and families in the Rosedale neighborhood. If you can help with this event, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Volunteers are needed for the **Whitmore Park /Rainbow Garden Workday** on Saturday, Nov. 22, starting at 8:30am. We will need lots of volunteers to rake leaves, chop them up and take them to the Rainbow Garden. It's a great activity for all ages. Cider, hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. Please bring leaf rakes, leaf blower/vacs, tarps and large trash cans if you are able. If you have questions, contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

The Youth Room remodel project on the 2nd floor is underway! Please respect the blocked off areas and use the Southeast stairs to access the balcony.

Sweet potato pie fundraiser: Rainbow Garden yielded 80 pounds of sweet potatoes, which were cured in the garden shed and are now ready for your Thanksgiving feast! Aaron and Diane will be baking pies for everyone who wants one, and all you have to do is make a donation to the pocket park fund. A proper sweet potato pie tastes nothing like pumpkin pie — mellow and complex, with a homemade crust. So [email Aaron](mailto:Aaron) with your order. **Deadline is Nov. 20.**

Pulpit Pledges - if you have made a pledge for the **Pulpit Fund**, please be sure to note the Pulpit Fund on any contributions toward your pledge. This will make sure that the contribution gets to the Pulpit Fund and not the general fund.

Youth Updates

The **Junior High Progressive Dinner** is TODAY. Throughout the night we will travel to four houses for appetizers, soup, desserts, and more! Junior Highers will meet at Rainbow at 3:45pm to carpool to mystery house one. Families should plan to pick up youth at 8pm from the final house (parents-be on the lookout for an email with the address).

Member Update: Mary Redmon and Joe Duerksen will be performing with the Medical Arts Symphony on Saturday November 22, 2014 at 8 pm in the Battenfeld Auditorium at KU Med Center (Rainbow and Olathe Blvd). Admission is free.

The **East Hill Singers** will be performing TODAY at 4 pm at Open Door Baptist Church (3033 N 103rd Terr, Kansas City, KS 66109) and next Sunday at 4 pm at St. Michael and All Angels (6603 Nall Ave, Mission, KS 66202).

Staff Updates

Community Service Coordinator Rachel Hostetler is working with other leaders in the Rosedale community to facilitate conversations about the future of Rosedale Ridge. A meeting for residents of Rosedale Ridge was held at Rainbow Tuesday night and another meeting will be held at Rainbow on Monday evening.

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Attendance.....	167
Visitors (included in attendance count)	13

This Week

Sunday	November 16	Jr High Progressive Dinner	4:00 pm
Tuesday	November 18	Family Game Night	7:00 pm
Wednesday	November 19	Publication Committee Meeting	1:00 pm
		Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	November 22	Park/Garden Fall Work day	8:00 am
		MVS Thanksgiving	1:30 pm

Next Week

Wednesday	November 26	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	November 27	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Fall Adult Education Classes

***Falling Upward*.....Wesley Room**

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life is written by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest. His book focuses on “contemplation” and quietness.” Participants will share ideas and experiences together and will take time to practice being still.

***How Jesus Became God*..... Room 110**

This class views lectures on DVDs that explain Christian history, texts, and traditions that allowed an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state to become thought of as equal and one with God. The lecturer is Bart Ehrman, Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

***The Tao of Inner Peace*.....Sunflower Room**

This class will explore the philosophy known in the West as Daoism, a philosophy which has helped millions of people to seek the path to peace within themselves, with each other, and with the natural world around them. This class will focus on those aspects of Daoism which echo some prominent themes within Anabaptism such as pacifism, simple living, and respect for our natural environment, with integration of meditation and personal sharing.

***The Wired Word*.....Library**

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. This week's lesson is about the Fall of the Berlin Wall.