

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 30, 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 **Dave and Hannah Schrag**; our greeters are **Janelle and Larissa Schrag**. 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 **Carrie Parsons, Cynthia Kaufman, and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

Please remember in prayer **Don Moeller** as he receives hospital care to treat an infection.

Please remember in prayer **the family of Elaine Ruth Bartel**. Elaine passed away on November 20, 2014. A **memorial service** will be held at 2pm on January 3, 2015, at Rainbow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Sharing Community in Rosedale (501c3), 1444 Southwest Blvd., KCKS 66103, designated for Freedom School.

Give thanks that **Linda Emory** has returned home after three months of rehab and treatment following complications with knee surgery. She appreciates the many gestures of support and prayer that she has received.

Please **remember Hanh Tran** in your prayers. Hanh has been undergoing chemotherapy and was also hospitalized at KU Medical Center in the past week with a very serious stroke. Hanh is the daughter of Hoa Kim Vo, who came to this country with her five children in the 1980's from Vietnam. Our church sponsored their family, and some Rainbow members have continued to be in contact with them.

There will be a **Taizé** service on Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Following the Taizé service, everyone is invited to join the choir for a light supper.

Rainbow is helping serve at **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** on Friday, December 5 from 10:30am-1:00pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

Saturday, December 6th at 9 a.m. will be **advent decorating** time at the church this year. The Visual Arts Committee needs lots of volunteers to decorate the sanctuary, entrances and Fellowship Hall. Please mark this date on your calendar and come join in the holiday fun. No particular skills are necessary; there's plenty for all to do.

Mark your calendars!

- Christmas program **Sunday December 14** at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve service **Wednesday December 24** at 6:30 pm

Cross-Lines Christmas Store needs your help! This year the Christmas Store is located at 1021 Pacific Ave, Kansas City, KS. Many volunteers (especially strong ones) are needed to help with the store this year. Volunteers are still needed to staff the store while customers shop. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Annie Jones

For those planning to make donations to **the pulpit fund**, we have set a **deadline** for accepting donations and pledges at Jan. 18, 2015. Please plan to either make a donation labeled "Pulpit Fund" by the deadline or submit a pledge by the deadline for the amount you pledge to donate over the next 6 months. At the annual congregation meeting on Jan. 25th, we will summarize the contributions and discuss how to proceed based on contributions and pledges made to that date. Ask Keith Jantz if you have questions.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Whitmore Park/Rainbow Garden workday on Saturday, Nov. 22. We were very productive in raking and mulching leaves, and then taking them to the Rainbow Garden. -Park Committee

Want to learn more about Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)? CPT'er John Bergen will be coming through Kansas City on Saturday December 6. He is planning to prepare a Kurdish meal and facilitate a conversation focusing on the stories of the Kurdish people resisting occupation and oppression by foreign powers, fossil fuel companies, and local governments. The meal will begin at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall, with donations accepted. There will also be a raffle to support CPT's team in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Youth Updates

There will be an **information meeting** about convention for parents and youth of Senior High AND Junior High on Sunday, December 7th after Sunday School. A pizza lunch will be provided for all. Ruth and Renee will be sharing about all the exciting events happening at convention this summer and why the youth at Rainbow should attend. Convention is a time to join with other Mennonite youth across the country and share many fun and exciting experiences together. A collection of "freebies" will be given out at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

This Week

Tuesday	December 2	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	December 3	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	December 5	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Saturday	December 6	CPT Meal	6:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	December 7	Youth Information Meeting	12:00 pm
Wednesday	December 10	Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 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.