

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 7, 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 **Brad and Nancy Grittman**; our greeters are **Bob and Phyllis Carlson**. 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 **Jan Good-Bollinger, Eric Jantzen, and Emma Campbell**.

Closing Trustee: **Laura Schmidt**

Please remember in prayer

- **Don Moeller** as he receives hospital care to treat an infection.
- The family of **Hanh Tran** as Hanh passed away on November 27.

Today we say goodbye to John and Jan Albertson who are moving to Hesston, KS. Following communion we will sing #118 (also referred to as 606) as part of their farewell and by special request.

Next Sunday, December 14 at 6:30pm, Rainbow will "**Celebrate Jesus in Word, Gift, and Song**." It will be a service that includes the kids from preschool through high school, and the adult choir will offer a Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham, accompanied by brass quartet and organ. Everyone is invited to bring treats to share for a time of fellowship afterwards.

You're invited to the Young Adult Christmas Party this Friday December 12 at 7 pm at Ashton, Tara, and Amanda's house.

Now is the time to renew/add/delete your subscription to *The Mennonite*. *The Mennonite* is published monthly with articles that challenge and inspire, news that connects readers to the larger Mennonite community, and more. Be a part of our congregation's group plan and receive it for **\$35/yr.** As in the past, you must be on the list to receive this subscription; so contact Kathy Kaufman to be added, or to make any change. (You will continue on the list if you currently receive it and do not indicate a change.) **And**, you can donate to the church general fund to cover the cost. One check will be sent via the church general fund to cover all subscriptions that are made now.

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.

"**Business Basics 4 Boomers**" is a half-day conference for persons ages 50+ who are interested in starting a business. It will be held on Friday, December 12 from 8:30 am to 1 pm at the Dr. Thomas Burke KCKCC Technical Education Center, 6565 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102. Cost is \$15 per person. Mike Peters will be the luncheon speaker on the topic of "How to Get Unstuck: Getting Back on Track with Your Passion." For more information, contact Karen Hostetler.

Youth Updates

There will be an **information meeting** about convention for parents and youth of Senior High AND Junior High TODAY after Sunday School in the fellowship hall. A pizza lunch will be provided for all. 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!

Senior High Youth will be meeting for **youth group lunch** on Sunday, December 14th. Soup and salad will be provided. We will be following up our conversation about convention so think about the discussion held on December 7th and bring your questions. No parents this time :)

Christmas time is here! All Junior High youth are invited to our Christmas party held on December 14th. We will be having a white elephant gift exchange so find something interesting laying around your house to exchange with others. There will be chips and dip and other snacks to munch on during the party. The fun times will begin at 4pm at church and go until the church wide Christmas program.

This Week

Sunday	December 7	Youth Information Meeting	12:00 pm
Monday	December 8	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	December 10	Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	December 12	Young Adult Christmas Party	7:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday	December 14	Youth Group	12:00 pm
		Christmas Program	6:30 pm
Wednesday	December 17	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	December 18	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	December 19	Sr High Christmas Party	7:00 pm

Winter Education Classes

***The Book of Forgiving*.....Wesley Room**

A discussion of *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* is written by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu, offering a manual on the art

of forgiveness—helping us to realize that we are all capable of healing and transformation.

***Why I Am an Atheist Who Believes in God*..... Room 110**

This class will discuss *Why I am an Atheist Who Believes in God: How to Give Love, Create Beauty, and Find Peace* by Frank Schaeffer. Schaeffer once stood near the top of conservative Christian evangelicalism but is now one of its strongest critics. He is an “atheist” who still talks to Jesus—in spite of everything.

***Worship Response Group*.....Sanctuary**

This will be an opportunity to discuss the purpose and experience of worship at Rainbow. We will consider questions such as “What helped us worship today? What interfered with our worship? What inspiration, challenge, question will you take with you this week?”

***The Wired Word*.....Sunflower Room**

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. This week's lesson is an issue for Maryland Churches concerning "run-off" water on their church property. The core issue for this lesson is environmental stewardship.