

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 20, 2015

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 **Kent and Will Moore**. Our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jana Graham**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Cynthia Kaufman, Dawn Araujo-Hawkins, and Jacob Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

John Bertsche has been released from the hospital and is feeling better.

Please **pray** for Irene Stewart who is currently at KU Medical Center recovering from pneumonia.

At 11 am please join us in Whitmore Park to sing carols. Hot chocolate and hot cider will be provided outside.

Coloring in Advent! There are large Advent coloring sheets taped to the tables in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to color in (or outside) the lines..

The congregation is invited to visit the **Pistachio Bakehouse Pop-up** this morning at the Rosedale Community Room (1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS). A Rosedale resident is selling baked goods on Sunday, Dec. 20 and Monday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The menu includes pistachio bagels, sour cream coffee cakes, blueberry muffins, flourless chocolate chewies (gluten-free cookies), strawberry pretzel brownies, fudge brownies and pistachio chocolate chip cookies. Thirty percent of proceeds will go to Rosedale Development Association.

There will be a **Christmas Eve** service at 6:30 pm on December 24.

There will be no Sunday School on December 27 or January 3. On January 3, **Steve Goeke and Jesse Graber** will give a folk music presentation in the sanctuary for whoever wants to stay for second hour. This will be adult/children friendly

A **really, really big thank** you to those who helped with the decorating of the church for Advent: Emma Campbell, Joelle and Sophie Jantzen, Dustin Fish, Dawn Araujo-Hawkins, and Kenn Goertz. Their creative help made our beautiful displays possible. The Visual Arts Committee.

The **Advent litany** that was used this year at Rainbow was a three-part piece that sought to recognize the welcoming nature of the manger. If you would like to have a copy of the complete set, please send your email address to Lonnie Buerge.

Baby Shower! Please welcome Seoul Willis Schroeder to Rainbow on January 10th. Enjoy some cake and help decorate a money tree (with money, that is) after church in the Fellowship Hall. Congratulations to Nick, Melissa, Liberty, and Brian!

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed on December 24 and 25.

Pastor Ruth and Youth Program Director Renee Reimer will be out of the office Wednesday December 23.

Community Services Coordinator Rachel Hostetler will be out of the office Monday-Friday.

Youth Updates

Sr high lunch will take place today with some intergenerational singing, discussion, and lunch. We will be done by 12:30pm.

This Week

Sunday	December 20	Sr High Lunch	11:00 am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:50 am
Thursday	December 24	Office Closed	All Day
		Christmas Eve Service	6:30 pm
Friday	December 25	Christmas-Office Closed	All Day

Next Week

Thursday	December 31	Office Closed	All Day
Friday	January 1	Office Closed	All Day