

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 27, 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 **Brad and Abigail Gritman**. Our greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Alison and Gilberto Flores and Carl Dean Yarwood**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

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**Congratulations** to Freddy Rhoads and Yolanda Wosny on the birth of their son Horace Mungo Sidney Rhoads. He was born on December 17 in Melbourne, Australia. Phil and Marsha Rhoads are the proud grandparents.

Please **pray** for Irene Stewart who is currently recovering from pneumonia.

There will be no Sunday School today 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

The **Advent litany** that was used this year at Rainbow was a four-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!

A heartfelt, tremendous "**Thank You**" to the musicians who shared in leading the Messiah sing-along on December 20, and to the congregation for joining the mighty chorus. I'd like to give a special "shout-out" to the instrumentalists who helped make it happen: Emma Janzen, Jon Wiebe, Jesse Graber, Christian Buller, Mitch Kaufman, Kendric Beachey, Janelle Campbell, and Nancy Bosche, and to the soloists: Becky Bartel, Natasha VanDyke, Doug Bartel, Caitlin Linscheid and Renee Reimer. Kudos also to Renee for conducting a movement. ~Rosi Penner Kaufman

### **Staff Updates**

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office this week.

### **Youth Updates**

Jr/Sr high youth group on January 3rd will take place out in a winter wonderland (hopefully)! Please dress accordingly. Place is still to be determined but plan on 6-8pm. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

### **This Week**

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

### **Next Week**

Sunday	January 3	Jr/Sr high youth group	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 6	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Saturday	January 9	Worship Committee Retreat	9:00 am