

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 13, 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 **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. Our greeters are **Brad and Abigail Grittmann**. 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 **Janelle Schrag, Tanya Ortman, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

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 over the next several weeks.

Advent Adult Education schedule:

- **Today** various youth will give musical performances at 11:00am. The youth will also be looking for a home for all of the peppernuts that were made on Sunday! Join the sr high youth on their Learning Experience to a Native American Reservation in Montana this summer and the jr high youth on their Kansas City inspired Service Week by **purchasing some peppernuts**.
- **Sunday December 20** we will go outside for a Christmas carol sing in the playground. Cider and hot cocoa provided.

Children and youth Sunday School will take place in the sanctuary from 11:15am-12:15pm to practice for the Christmas Program.

Christmas program schedule:

- *Tonight* at 6:30 pm: Christmas Storytelling and Caroling led by various children and youth; Please bring Christmas goodies to share
- *December 24*, 6:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service

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, and Kenn Goertz. Their creative help made our beautiful displays possible. The Visual Arts Committee.

During worship next Sunday, December 20, we will experience the Christmas story as one of the great composers envisioned it. Aided by members of the Rainbow choir, a string ensemble, and soloists, we will sing movements from Handel's oratorio *Messiah*, including the Hallelujah chorus. There will be designated seating around the sanctuary for altos, sopranos, tenors, and basses, with enough musical scores for everyone. Following worship and weather permitting, we will take our singing to the church playground for a 45 minute outdoor Christmas Carol Sing. Invite your friends!

All women are invited to **meet for lunch** at First Watch, 11112 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, on Wednesday, December 16, at 11 a.m.

In the event of **inclement weather**, church-related cancellation notices will appear on the home page of our church website. Also, an email will be sent to the congregation and local news sources will be contacted

Staff Updates

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office Wednesday, half of Thursday, and Friday this week.

Youth Updates

The December **Jr high breakfast** will take place on Sunday, December 20th at 8:30am. Breakfast will be provided and we will be working on a brilliant, jr high inspired creation!

Sr high lunch will take place on December 20th with some intergenerational singing, discussion, and lunch. We will be done by 12:30pm.

This Week

Sunday	December 13	Youth Peppernut Fundraiser	10:50 am
		Christmas Program	6:30 pm
Wednesday	December 16	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	December 17	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday	December 19	Hayes Family Breakfast	8:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	December 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		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