

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 20, 2016

**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 **John and Pat Bertsche**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, need a hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Today's nursery workers are **Jeff and Emma Janzen and Brianna Yoder**.

Closing Trustee: **Robert Kaufman**

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**Please pray for** Russel Yoder as he receives care at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

Rainbow will once again help coordinate the food section of the annual **Cross-Lines Christmas Store**, open to more than 500 individuals the first week of December.

- Volunteers are needed to sort items before the store opens and to staff the store while customers shop, from December 5-10. Sign up to volunteer today in Fellowship Hall or contact Annie Jones (913.492.7081) or [stuckyjones2@gmail.com](mailto:stuckyjones2@gmail.com).
- Consider making a cash donation. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church, designated for "Cross-Lines Christmas Store"; please put cash in an envelope and mark it 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'.

We will be assisting Trinity United Methodist Church serve lunch at the **Willa Gill Food Kitchen** at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS on Friday, December 2 from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. There is a sign up sheet down by the coffee or contact Terry Rouse at [trbikerkc@gmail.com](mailto:trbikerkc@gmail.com) or 816.810.0987.

**MVS Announcement** - Due to a number of coinciding circumstances, the Mennonite Voluntary Service Support Committee/Board in consultation with Church Council and the MVS National Office decided to take a sabbatical year for the 2017-18 placement cycle. We will support our current MVSers through the end of their current terms. No new MVSers will be placed in Kansas City next year. We will use this year to seek new leadership, evaluate the relationship between MVS and Rainbow, and re-energize the MVS Support Committee. Current committee members include Clyde Coriell, Anna Woelk, Jesse Graber, Maggie Goble, and Eric Jantzen.

### **Women's Luncheon Group -**

Wednesday, November 23 - First Watch. If available, join our small group for lunch at 11:00.

Wednesday, December 7 - Lemongrass Thai Cuisine, 7316 W. 80th St., Overland Park at 11:00. With the restaurant one block from Ten Thousand Villages, we will be following last year's tradition of shopping there after our lunch. Please join us for this holiday celebration.

Please save **Saturday, December 3** to help rake leaves in **Whitmore playground**. We will take them over to the garden to be composted. We'll need leaf vacs and rakes. If someone has a riding, mulching mower with leaf catcher that would be very helpful. We will start at 8am.

### **Youth Updates**

Jr high breakfast will take place on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am. This breakfast is open to all 6th-8th grade youth. We will meet in the jr high Sunday school room. Breakfast will be provided!

The next sr high lunch discussion will happen on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12:30pm. This lunch discussion is open to all 9th-12th grade youth. Lunch will be provided!

The deposit of (\$100) and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Medical Release Form for Jr High Snow Camp is due to Renee by **Sunday, December 4th**. The dates for Jr High Snow Camp at RMMC are January 20th-22nd.

### **Staff Updates**

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office Wednesday November 23.

The church office will be closed Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25.

## Community Updates

The **East Hill Singers** will be presenting Men of Song featuring Robert Ray Gospel Mass on Sunday November 20, 2016 at St Francis de Sales, 900 Ida St, Lansing, KS. An art exhibit will begin at 3 pm, with the concert at 4 pm. It is free and open to the public.

### November 13

Attendance.....	183
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	8

### This Week

Sunday	November 20	Jr High Breakfast	8:30 am
		Sr High Lunch discussion	11:00 am
Tuesday	November 22	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Delight Ahead Thanksgiving	4:00 pm
Wednesday	November 23	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am

### Next Week

Tuesday	November 29	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	November 30	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
		Staff retreat	
Friday	December 2	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Saturday	December 3	Park Work Day	8:00 am
		Advent Decorating	9:00 am

Fall Adult Education Classes

**Jesus and His Jewish Influences ..... Room 111**

This class consists of lecture videos by Jodi Magness, Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This is a continuation of the lecture series viewed during the Spring 2016 quarter. The lectures can be enjoyed by all who are interested, and it is not necessary to have seen the first twelve lectures. The following are the titles of the lectures to be viewed in this Autumn quarter.

11/20: Jesus' Teaching and Sayings in Context

**The Wired Word .....Library**

*The Wired Word* uses current headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. On Thursday of each week, a lesson will be emailed to the facilitators with the appropriate scriptural texts and questions for discussion. The facilitators can email the weekly lesson materials to members of the class. Participants can also join in the discussion without having read the lesson since it will be based on a current topic.

**The Fire This Time.....Sunflower Room**

Director of the HAAS Institute, John A. Powell, compares race to gravity; we are all affected, but few of us understand. Full comprehension may remain unattainable, but intentional work at *trying* is solicited by the divine. In a state of open prayer, with love for ourselves and others, this class will offer one model (out of many) for analyzing our racial identities through intentional hearing and internal reflection. This deviates from the normal mode of discussion based inquiry, which presents a unique challenge as we address a demanding topic. Though our efforts are imperfect and the process is messy, we ultimately seek to create change by traveling down all the minor tributaries and major waterways revolution requires. Let us convene. Let us act. Let us struggle. The fire is this time.

**Meditation Practices.....Fellowship Hall**

This Sunday, the Meditation Practices Sunday School class will be meeting in the fellowship hall. There are various questions for discussion scattered about the tables in the fellowship hall for individuals and groups to ponder and discuss together.