

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 4, 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 **John Mueller and Mary Redmon**. Our greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Bob Carlson**. 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 **Janelle Schrag, Carrie Parsons, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Eric Jantzen**

Today's rose in front is in honor of William Hugo Dyck, born to Aaron and Katie Dyck on November 26.

Tracy Long was unexpectedly admitted to KU Medical Center last Sunday, and subsequently underwent brain surgery on Thursday. Please pray for Tracy, her family, and the medical team as she recovers from this initial surgery and prepares for a second brain surgery in the near future.

Please pray for Russel Yoder as he continues to receive rehab care at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

Adult Education today will feature four panelists (Je T'aime Taylor, Ally Mabry, Diane Richardson Spaite, and Bob Carlson) reflecting on the book "Learning to Walk in the Dark," by Barbara Brown Taylor. Even if you haven't read the book, you are welcome to join in this book discussion. Location: Sanctuary

Inspired by our Advent theme, "Joyful is the Dark," Dr. Paul Rudy wrote a 20-minute sound meditation called "Midnight Plumage. It can be purchased and downloaded at the following website: <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/paulrudy6>

From the RMC library: Books with our advent theme of nighttime and darkness have been placed in the children's book rack in the Wesley Room. Among other Christmas books, please also note the advent books for children.

Women's Luncheon Group -

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.

Make a joyful noise!?! On **Sunday, December 11**, as part of the peppernut fundraiser, we will offer a chance for anyone, of any age, to share their music in a Christmas recital. Adults, youth and children are all invited to share. At the end of the recital, I would like to organize a group to play Christmas Carols together on those instruments that have perhaps been in their cases for too long and would like to make music again. So get out your flute, trumpet, sax, or whatever you remember the fingering for and spend the next ten days enjoying some practice time. We'll read Christmas carols. Please let me (Rosi) know if you'd like to participate. I think this could be great fun. I just found my saxophone reeds.

Advent Services at Rainbow

- **December 18, 6:30 pm** Christmas Program featuring children, youth, and a Jazz Cantata led by the Rainbow choir and area musicians
- **December 21, 6:30-8 pm** Outdoor Christmas carol sing, with soup served starting at 6:30 pm, followed by carol singing at 7 pm
- **December 24, 6 pm** Christmas Eve service

Other Advent happenings

- **December 5-10:** Consider volunteering at Cross-Lines Christmas Store. Contact Annie Jones 913.492.7081 or stuckyjones2@gmail.com
- **December 23, 12:30 pm:** Rainbow Choir performs a brief *a cappella* concert at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Bring your friends and family!

A note about Christmas Day and New Year's Day: Since both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sunday, we will begin those services an hour later at **10:30 am**. An extended fellowship time both Sundays will replace the usual education hour.

YOUNG ADULTS! - save the date for a December Progressive Dinner: Saturday, December 17th. We will begin at 5:30pm at Ruth and Jesse's home (4408 Adams KCK) and move to Aaron and Caitlin's home (4415 Springfield st KCK) for the second stop. They are within walking distance to each other! See the Rainbow Mennonite Young Adult Facebook page for more details. Talk to Joshua Chittum or Renee Reimer (reneer@rainbowmennonite.org) to be added to the Facebook group.

Youth Updates

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

A **Youth Peppernut Fundraiser** will be taking place during the **fellowship hour on Sunday, December 11th**. In preparation for the fundraiser, youth and sponsors will be baking peppernuts during youth group tonight from 6-8pm. This will be done in a similar fashion to last year in which each youth will be asked to **bring a batch of peppernut dough to youth group tonight** where we will all cut, bake, and package the peppernuts.

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 9.

Stewardship Update

Online giving to Rainbow Mennonite Church is now available. Start by navigating to the church website at www.rainbowmennonite.org. Look for the yellow button that says "CLICK HERE TO GIVE" and click on it. You will be taken to the new online giving page. Please make sure you see the Rainbow Mennonite Church dove logo on the upper left. You can register as a first time user or give without logging in.

Registering allows you to make scheduled recurring donations and have a record of your contributions. You will have the option of giving by debit card, credit card, or eCheck (only available if you are registered). There is an option near the bottom of the form to add 2% to help cover transaction costs incurred by the church, so please consider that when making your donation.

Community News

On December 6 at 6:30 pm, McCrummen Immigration Law Group (2005 Swift Ave., North Kansas City, MO 64116) will give a presentation about post-election immigration. Following the presentation in English and Spanish, there will be time for questions. Contact Gail Goeke with any questions.

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Attendance.....	176
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6

This Week

Sunday	December 4	Youth Group Peppernut Making	6:00 pm
Monday	December 5	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
Tuesday	December 6	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
		Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	December 7	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	December 8	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
		Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm
Friday	December 9	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
Saturday	December 10	Crosslines Christmas Store	10:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	December 11	Youth Peppernut Fundraiser	10:50 am
		MVS Support Board Meeting	12:00 pm
Tuesday	December 13	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	December 14	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Thursday	December 15	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm