

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## November 11, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

We invite you to sign our friendship register when it is passed during the offering. Between the worship service and Sunday school, please join us for coffee and donuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Visitors and newcomers, please look for the Rainbow Connections Table!

Today's ushers are **Jerry Jantz and John Mueller**. 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, need a hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery, for children birth to age four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Allison Unruh, Heidi Braun and Fischer Unruh**. Today's closing trustee is **Scott Weast**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for Karla and Brian Leuenberg. On October 31, while traveling in Rwanda, they were struck by a motorcycle while on foot. They returned home on Tuesday of this week, having both suffered several injuries. Karla will face a longer recovery due to a pelvic fracture. Let us join in praying with them for healing of body, spirit and mind.

Please join in praying for David Bluford who is recovering from an inpatient surgery on November 7.

Please pray for Beatrix Amstutz who was admitted to Shawnee Mission Medical Center early Sunday morning due to bacterial gastroenteritis. She returned home on Tuesday of this week.

Please keep Brad Grittman's dad, Elden Grittman, and their family in your prayers as his dad's health has recently declined and is on hospice.

The Schrag family thanks you for your prayers and words of comfort and encouragement. Janelle's diagnosis has changed from fibrosis to something called pulmonary amyloidosis. Basically, her cells are producing proteins that attack her lungs. The next steps include meeting with an oncologist to discuss treatment options, which could include chemotherapy. We continue to be hopeful, and are grateful for your prayers.

## **This Morning at Rainbow ~ Cross-Lines Sunday**

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- **WorshipArts (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 10:25am**
- **Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**
- **Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**
  - ♦ *Journey Forward*: Facilitated by Pastor Ruth Harder, meets in Sunflower Room
  - ♦ *Tools for Talking to People about Racial Bias* will be presented by Karen Goering Hostetler during *American's Original Sin* class in the Wesley Room. This presentation was one of the breakout sessions offered as part of the recent symposium, "*The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives.*"
  - ♦ Sunday, November 18, will be the final fall quarter Adult Sunday School.

## **Christmas Calendar of Events**

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### **Sunday, November 25**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Christmas Program Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall and WorshipArts Room)

### **Saturday, December 1**

- Church Decoration Day: As we look forward to the Advent season, the Visual Arts Committee is asking for volunteers to help decorate our sanctuary, entrances and fellowship hall this day from 8:30 to 11:00am. There will be heavy wreaths to hang, trees to put up, garlands to fluff, and stars for little ones to decorate for the fellowship hall tree. You can choose your preference of tasks and no particular decorating skills are necessary. We always have fun with this joyful event. Juice and goodies will be provided. We're starting earlier this year to be sure we're done before Nick and Melissa's wedding in the afternoon.
- As a reminder, please RSVP for Nick and Melissa's wedding by November 25!
- **Sunday, December 2 First Day of Advent / Communion Sunday**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Open House and Christmas Carol Sing at the MVS House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Christmas Program Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall and WorshipArts Room)
- Rezound Hand Bell Concert hosted by Rainbow Performing Arts Committee at 3:00pm Ring in the holiday season with Rezound! Enjoy an afternoon of favorite carols and festive music. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

### **Sunday, December 9**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Youth Peppernut Bake Sale and Christmas Story Bible Trivia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, December 16**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Caroling in the neighborhood surrounding the church
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Christmas Program 5:00pm

**Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm**

## **Announcements**

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**Note from the Treasurer, Mark Unruh:** To all committees, please make sure that you go over your budget requirements in your November meetings. 2019 budget requests are due back to Stewardship Committee by December 1.

**A note from Deacon Chair Amy Kliever and Trustee Chair Eric Jantzen:** In light of recently voiced concerns about safety, we have decided to keep the southeast doors (facing Southwest Boulevard) locked on Sunday mornings, at least for the time being. This allows ushers and greeters to focus their welcome on the east and west entrances.

In the event of **inclement weather**, church-related cancellation notices will appear on the home page of our church website. An email will also be sent to the congregation and the church facebook page will be updated.

## **Youth Events**

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Sunday November 18: Jr High Breakfast 8:30am and Sr High Lunch 11am – 12:30pm

Sunday December 2: Peppernut Making (Jr and Sr High) 6pm – 8pm

Jr High: \$100 deposit due for *Know Jesus* at Hesston College, Feb 9 and 10

Saturday Morning December 8: Sr High at Crosslines Christmas Store

Sunday December 9: Peppernut Bake Sale 10:30am

## **Mennonite Church News**

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You are invited to join with Peace Mennonite Church in the Loss of Turtle Island learning experience. This activity has been developed by Mennonite Central Committee and explores the historic relationship between European settlers and Indigenous Nations. It will be Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. at Peace Mennonite Church (615 Lincoln Street, Lawrence, KS)

## **Community Events**

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Today at 3:00 pm, please join the greater Kansas City community at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS, for a special worship service held on the very day of the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. The worship service weaves together letters from soldiers on the front written to their loved ones back home, lovely music, powerful dance depicting life at the end of the war, scripture, reflections, and prayer. Plan to arrive by 2:30 get a good seat.

## November 4, 2018

Attendance.....	148
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	0
General Fund Oct 28 and Nov 4 .....	\$ 13,383.40
Other Donations Oct 28 and Nov 4 .....	\$ 1,971.00
<b>Total Offering Oct 28 and Nov 4 Combined .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,354.40</b>
<b>October Online Giving Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,020.90</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Nov 11	Cross-Lines Sunday	
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
		Christmas Program Planning Meeting	11:45am
		Welcoming Committee Meeting	11:45am
Tuesday	Nov 13	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Nov 14	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 15	Church Council	7:00pm
Saturday	Nov 17	MVS Thanksgiving Meal	12:00pm

### Next Week

Sunday	Nov 18	Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Tuesday	Nov 20	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Nov 21	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 22	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
Friday	Nov 23	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

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Rainbow Mennonite Church is the host congregation for Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have three volunteers living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary volunteers are joined by an associate MVS resident and longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)

Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)

Eba Goshu ~ Connecting for Good (elemes200@caledonian.ac.uk)

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