

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## November 18, 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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Lori Lichty**. 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 **Cynthia Olivarria, Tanya Ortman and Kennedy Kaufman**. Closing trustee is **Clif Hostetler**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- Pray for George Melby who is currently at Bishop Spenser Place receiving rehab.
- Please keep Brad, Nancy, and Abigail Grittmann in your prayers as Brad's father, Elden Grittmann, passed away last Saturday. His funeral was Friday, Nov. 16.
- 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.
- The Schrag family thanks you for your prayers and words of comfort and encouragement. Janelle's diagnosis has changed from fibrosis to 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.

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### This Morning at Rainbow

- **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:** Final adult session for the fourth quarter.
  - *Humor Me*, the breakout session by Joshua Chittum which was part of the recent seminar *The Ongoing White Supremacy of Our Everyday Lives*, will be presented today during the *America's Original Sin* class in the Wesley Room.

## Announcements

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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.

**Cross-Lines Christmas Store** allows 500 area families the opportunity to shop for Christmas. After paying a small dignity fee, families can select clothing, toys, household items, and food. Since the beginning of the Christmas Store in 1968, Rainbow Mennonite Church has been responsible for the food section of the store, while other churches are responsible for other items. The Christmas Store is located at 736 Shawnee, Kansas City, KS. Whether it's with your time or your funds, you can experience the joy of contributing to this great cause! Here are ways you can help:

- Volunteers to sort items before the store opens and to staff the store while customers shop, from December 3-8. Sign up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall Sunday or you can contact Annie Jones or Keith Jantz
- Contribute containers of **canned tuna, peanut butter or Bisquick.**
- Contribute online through Rainbow's website or make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church, designated for "Cross-Lines Christmas Store"

**Stewardship Update:** We finished the month of October about \$5K above our bottom line budget. Much of the reason that we are ahead at this point is due to liability and health insurance coming in under budget. Contributions have slowed quite a bit during October and the first two Sundays of November and are \$11K below budget going into November. In order to meet our 2018 budget commitment, it is estimated that we will need \$115K in contributions in the final 7 weeks of the year, about \$16.5K per week. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year.

**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.

## Youth Events

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### Upcoming youth group activities:

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

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

- \$100 deposit due for KNOW JESUS – Jr High, See note below

Saturday Morning December 8: Sr High at Crosslines Christmas Store

Sunday December 9: Peppernut Bake Sale 10:30am

For Jr. High youth, **KNOW JESUS** is coming up this February 9-10, 2019 at Hesston College. KNOW JESUS is a weekend-long retreat for Jr. High (6th-8th grade) students to join with other youth groups to make new friends, fellowship together, join in lively worship, and learn more about Anabaptist roots. Young people will learn about the rich heritage of their churches and think about ways to promote growth in their lives now as they grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. The retreat is organized by the Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee of Mennonite Church USA. The registration fee is \$100 and is due by Dec. 2. Contact Ben Parker Sutter at [outreach@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) with questions.

## **Christmas Calendar of Events**

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### **Sunday, November 25**

- Did you know that Advent also begins a new liturgical year and lectionary cycle? Want to learn more? During Sunday School hour next week, Ruth will lead a liturgical calendar / lectionary primer and discussion in the Sanctuary.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Christmas Program Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall and WorshipArts Room)

### **Saturday, December 1**

- Church Decoration Day: The Visual Arts Committee is asking for volunteers to help decorate our sanctuary, entrances and fellowship hall 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. Juice and goodies will be provided.
- 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

### **Sunday, December 23**

- Worship prelude beginning at 9:30: all are invited (children and adults), to share a Christmas solo or small ensemble piece. Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman to sign up.

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

## Staff Updates

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The church office will be closed on November 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Ruth Harder will also be out of the office on Wednesday, November 21.

### November 11, 2018

Attendance .....	154
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	2
General Fund .....	\$ 10,679.00
Other Donations .....	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Total Offering</b> .....	<b>\$ 18,679.00</b>

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### This Week

Sunday	Nov 18	Jr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Sr High Lunch	11:00am
		Playground Committee Meeting	11:50am
Tuesday	Nov 20	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Nov 21	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		No Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	Nov 22	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
Friday	Nov 23	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

### Next Week

Tuesday	Nov 27	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Nov 28	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 29	Youth Sponsor Meeting	6:00pm
Friday	Nov 30	Wedding Rehearsal	4:30pm
Saturday	Dec 1	Church Decoration Day	8:30am
		Wedding	2:00pm

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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)  
Paul Zehr, Associate ~ Where the Redfearn Grows Farm (paul.zehr74@gmail.com)