

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 6 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to 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!

This morning's ushers **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. Please ask 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 and is available for children from birth to age 4. This morning's nursery workers are **Amy Ortman, Barbara Baumgartner and Abigail Gritman**. The closing trustee is **Eric Jantzen**.

This Morning at Rainbow...



This morning we welcome guest speaker Joshua Smith, member of Rainbow Mennonite since 2012. In 2015, he and his wife Alyssa moved to Colorado, where they serve as caretakers at First Mennonite Church of Denver. He is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Denver and is about to begin writing his dissertation on the Gospel of Luke. He is a member of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, where he occasionally preaches.

- Choir Rehearsal 9:00am
- Worship at 9:30am
- WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:25am
- Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am
- Safe Sanctuary Training 10:50am (Room 111) For those who missed fall classes
- Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am with Joshua Smith in the sanctuary: *The Enduring Relevance of Israel's Wisdom Tradition*

Eba Lemessa, one of our Mennonite Voluntary Service* workers, is ending his term to go back to school. He had planned to take online classes and finish here in February, but his school has made it mandatory to attend classes in person. Eba has been a wonderful addition to KC MVS, the Rainbow community, and his placement at Connecting For Good. This morning is his final service with us at Rainbow.

Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for Bill Goodman who has been in the hospital since Christmas Day.

Please continue to keep Dave, Hannah, and Larissa Schrag in your prayers. If you are interested in taking a meal to them, please sign up at the link below or contact Dave directly. In addition, Dave would appreciate any simple recipes that you have to share. <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/CSZN7102>

Announcements

During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons are taking turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. Richard VanDyke is on call January 1-January 13.

Attention committee chairs! Annual reports are due in the office by 9am on Monday, January 7. Please email your report to office@rainbowmennonite.org in doc format or within the body of the email.

From the Peace and Social Justice Committee: Are you interested in working alongside others toward a more peaceful and just future in our community? Join others at Rainbow on the Peace and Social Justice Committee to organize and prioritize our community engagement work to address current societal challenges and engage in the efforts of local organizations. If you're interested, join us for our **first meeting on January 10 at 6:30pm at the church**. At this meeting we'll finalize our committee purpose and work to prioritize our work for 2019. Any and all are welcome. Contact Joshua Chittum, Kimberly Hunter, or Ben Parker Sutter for more information or with any questions.

What goes up must come down and it will soon be time to pack away the Christmas decorations. Please join in the fun on Saturday, January 12 from 9am to 11am. With your great help, the garlands and trees always "go down" much faster than they "go up." All ages welcome. Questions? Contact Jan Buerge for the Visual Arts Committee.

Four new Adult Sunday School Classes will be offered beginning Sunday, January 13. Please find class descriptions in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

Save the Date! Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting and potluck will take place on January 27, 2019 at noon.

Youth Updates

This Sunday, January 6 from 5:30 to 8:00pm - Jr and Sr High Youth Group

Hanna Hochstetler will be leading a bystander education session. We will have a break for pizza and after the session, finish with some games. Check your weekly email for more details.

January 20 - 8:30am Jr High Breakfast; 11:00am-12:30pm Sr High Lunch

January 26 - 6:00pm Sr High Lock in

January 27 - 10:30am Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser; 12:00-1:00pm Jr and Sr High Sonic Chat (in the youth rooms)

Convention registration due January 27! The Mennonite Church USA Convention is coming back to Kansas City this summer from July 2-6. Be sure to join in the worship, service, fun, and fellowship.

- Youth, please fill out the form linked in the midweek email and return it to Ben Parker Sutter to register.
- Please include a registration contribution of \$300 per youth. If needed, please talk to Ben about scholarship opportunities toward this registration cost.
- Sr high youth will spend the whole week together and stay in the convention hotels.
- Jr high youth will attend the convention programming during the day from 8am-5pm, with a lock-in at the church on Friday night. Jr highers will need to be picked up after programming each day.
- Contact Ben (outreach@rainbowmennonite.org) with questions or for more information.

Community Events

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, January 22 will focus on "Making It More About Marbles." Rich Maxwell, a former elementary school teacher, has organized several after-school marble clubs for kids, presented at senior facilities, and he also collects marbles and builds tracks and games. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library in KCKS. Bring a child (2nd grade and older) or just come to relive memories from your childhood. You can also bring marbles for appraisal. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

December 30, 2018

Attendance.....	84
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5
General Fund	\$ 15,521.00
Other Donations	\$ 4,731.05
Total Offering	\$ 20,252.05

This Week

Monday	Jan 7	Annual Reports Due	9:00am
Tuesday	Jan 8	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 9	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan 10	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jan 12	Christmas Decoration Clean Up	9:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 13	Annual Report Distribution	
Tuesday	Jan 15	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		RDA RISE Training	5:30pm
Wednesday	Jan 16	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

*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 Lemessa ~ Connecting for Good (elemes200@caledonian.ac.uk)

Paul Zehr, Associate ~ Heirloom Bakery (paul.zehr74@gmail.com)