

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

## November 3, 2019

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 are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Becca Claassen and Melissa Schroeder**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, use of a large-print hymnal, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery, available for children from birth to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Karen and Lia Uhlenhuth, Leah Schwarz**. Closing Trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

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### Remembering in Prayer...

- The Boehm and Goertz families. Bob Boehm, husband of Helen Goertz, brother-in-law of Kenn Goertz and Sallie Page-Goertz, passed away recently as a result of an accidental burn injury. Bob and Helen, both members of Rainbow, have four adult children: Nicholas, Allison, Grace, and Dalton. Bob also has two sons from a previous marriage, Rob and Ryan Boehm. Bob was also the proud grandfather to 10 grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at Rainbow on November 24 at 4pm.
- Lois Briles and Mike Peters request prayers for the continued healing of Lois's brother, John, as he recovers from surgery this week.
- Betty Jean Bodine as she receives rehabilitation care at Bishop Spencer Place.

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### This Morning at Rainbow

**Worship 9:30am** Cross-Lines Sunday

**WorshipArts (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)** 10:30 – 10:55am (Rainbow Room)

**Sunday School for all ages** 10:50 – 11:45am (Adult class options listed on back)

**Cross-Lines, Chiefs and Chili** 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

- Please stay for a chili Dinner, live-streaming of the Chiefs game and a silent auction, all to raise money for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store, open Dec 9-14.

As we observe All Saints Day this morning, everyone is invited to fill our "Memory Tree" with ribbons of names of loved ones who have died. You can write the names of beloved friends, family members and even 4-legged friends. ~ Visual Arts Committee

## Announcements

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Notice from the Rainbow Safety Committee: Starting this morning, the East Doors will be locked at the start of the 9:30am worship service. A sign is placed on the East doors alerting all who arrive after 9:30am to go to the West doors, which will remain unlocked all morning. Please note that we will re-evaluate this plan in January, after this initial trial period. Members of the Safety Team include Dale Graham, Steven Cress, Barbara Baumgartner, Darin Kaufman, Dick Tatro and Carrie Parsons.

During the congregational meeting last Sunday, Rainbow members voted on a motion to extend Ruth's pastoral contract for another three years. The motion carried 90-0. The Deacons wish to thank the congregation for the overwhelming support of Ruth and her ministry at Rainbow. We are grateful for Ruth's compassion, spirit, Christ-centered leadership, commitment to congregational concerns and making services at Rainbow meaningful and fun. We are also grateful to her spouse Jesse and our outstanding church staff for their many contributions, support, and leadership.

- From Ruth: *I have loved serving as Rainbow's pastor these past six years. Thank you for the vote of confidence. And thank you especially to my wonderfully supportive, talented, and trusted spouse and colleagues. I look forward to continued leadership in this spirited place as we worship, serve, and learn together as followers of Jesus.*

Let us know how you would like to get involved at Rainbow! See the midweek email for a link to the Rainbow Involvement Questionnaire or pick up a paper copy in the east or west foyers. The questionnaire outlines the ways to get involved in the Rainbow mission to Worship, Serve and Learn. Whether it is committee work, activities involvement or taking on requests as needed, we invite your participation. Information received will be forwarded to staff and current committee chairs. As volunteer opportunities are identified, someone we will be in touch. Please submit this by Thursday, November 14 at 9am.

The Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund (MFAF) is holding a weekly food distribution for migrant and seasonal farmworkers who are here for the fall harvest season; distributing between 100-180 food bags a week. Consider donating the following items by bringing them to the church office where Hanna Hochstetler, MVSer currently serving at MFAF, can pick them up: Blankets, Plastic bottles (not frozen) of orange juice or apple juice, Boxes of granola bars, Brown paper bags.

Small Groups have been reorganized for the next two years. If you missed the deadline and still want to be a part of a small group, please let one of the committee members know. Contact Peggy Coriell, Lee Ann Duncan, Pat Bertsche or Tanya Ortman.

Save the date! The Rainbow Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15 at 5pm.

**RMC Sunday School parents**--Rainbow's Sunday School students are currently working on a unique project for this year's Christmas Program. Over the next several weeks, students will be working with Paul Zehr, Christina Hofer, and Eliot Hartzler to create a zany fusion of recorded audio and theatrical pantomime.

- During Sunday School hour, K-5 students will be involved in recording on 11/10, and 11/17 and Jr and Sr or High Youth will be rehearsing a stage adaptation of that audio on 11/24, 12/8, and 12/15.
- The performance will be on 12/15 at 5:00pm. We would love to have as many children participate as possible! For any questions or concerns, please see Paul Zehr or Christina Hofer.

As we prepare for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store, please continue to donate food items, specifically peanut butter, canned tuna and pancake/biscuit mix, as well as financial donations to purchase more food items.

**To Rainbow newcomers and visitors:** Please join Pastor Ruth and the Welcoming Committee for a brunch during the Sunday School hour on November 17. We'll meet in the copy room for coffeecake and fruit and a chance to get to know each other. Please contact the church office to RSVP. We hope to see you there.

## Youth News

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Tonight! Youth Group at the church for Jr and Sr High, 6:00pm

Sr high youth are invited to attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp February 14-16. The weekend will be full of singing, worshiping, tubing, boom hockey, and beautiful scenery around the camp. The youth will be responsible for a \$25 deposit (due Dec 1) and will need to provide money for two meals and a sack lunch. If the deposit is a barrier for a youth attending or you have questions please talk with Sarah Neher! For more details see <https://rmmc.org/senior-high-snow-camp>

## Community News

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The Next Chapter Kansas City Book Group will be discussing "Ida and Martha: A Montana Story" by Sara Fretz-Goering on Monday, November 4 at the KCK Main Library, 625 Minnesota Ave, KCKS, 5:30 to 6:30pm. Sara and her husband Peter were members of Rainbow in the late 1970's and early 1980's. More recently, their son Joel was the Community Outreach Coordinator for our church. All are welcome. Contact Karen Hostetler, Next Chapter KC Director, with questions.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. With this awareness, World's Window is hosting their annual coat and sweater drive for Rose Brooks Center. New and nearly new, clean women's and children's coats and sweaters are needed and accepted through Nov 10. Please drop off donations at World's Window or give to Jan or Lonnie Buerge at church.

**October 27, 2019**

Attendance.....	151
Visitors (included in attendance count) .....	2
General Fund .....	\$ 5,265.30
Other Donations .....	\$ 166.18
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,431.48</b>

**This Week**

Sunday	Nov 3	Cross-Lines, Chiefs and Chili	12:00pm
		Jr and Sr High Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Nov 4	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
Tuesday	Nov 5	General Election	All Day
		Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 6	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm

**Next Week**

Sunday	Nov 10	Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:50am
Tuesday	Nov 12	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 13	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 14	Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
		Peace & Social Justice Committee Meeting	7:00pm

**Fall Quarter Adult Education Class Options:**

*The Nickel Boys, a novel by Colson Whitehead*

Facilitator: Dale Graham, Library

*The View of Life: Completing the Darwinian Revolution, by David Sloan Wilson*

Facilitators: Darrell Wiens and Phillip Rhoads, Sunflower Room

*Thirty True Things Everyone Needs to Know Now, by Leroy Seat*

Facilitators: Clif Hostetler and Leroy Seat, Room 111

*Worship and Sermon Discussion*

Rotating Facilitators, Wesley Room