

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 23, 2014

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 **Robert and Krista Kaufman**; our 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, or if have questions about the location of Sunday School rooms or the restrooms.

The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. It is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. Today's nursery workers are **Phyllis Carlson, Janelle Schrag, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closing Trustee: **Gary Kaufman**

The Youth Room remodel project on the 2nd floor is underway! Please respect the blocked off areas and use the Southeast stairs to access the balcony.

Attention Rainbow Committees – Stewardship Committee will be seeking your input for the 2015 budget during November. All requests will be due back to the Stewardship Committee about December 1.

Mark your calendars!

- Christmas program **Sunday December 14** at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve service **Wednesday December 24** at 6:30 pm

The **East Hill Singers** will be performing TODAY at 4 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (11525 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS 66203).

Cross-Lines Christmas Store needs your help! This year the Christmas Store is located at 1021 Pacific Ave, Kansas City, KS. Many volunteers (especially strong ones) are needed to help with the store this year. Volunteers are still needed to staff the store while customers shop, on Monday December 1 both morning and afternoon shifts, Wednesday December 3 in the afternoon, and Thursday December 4 both morning and afternoon. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Annie Jones

Good news about Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS)! This past year Mennonite Mission Network has undergone a MVS restructuring/downsizing process. We are grateful to report that the Kansas City MVS unit was recently one of 11 units chosen to lead MVS into the future. -Eric Jantzen, MVS local program coordinator along with MVS support board members: Tanya Ortman, Carrie Parsons, Jesse Graber, Clyde Coriell, Joe & Mary Lou Duerksen

For those planning to make donations to **the pulpit fund**, we have set a **deadline** for accepting donations and pledges at Jan. 18, 2015. Please plan to either make a donation labeled “Pulpit Fund” by the deadline or submit a pledge by the deadline for the amount you pledge to donate over the next 6 months. Pledges and donations may be sent to the church or placed in the offering plate. At the annual congregation meeting on Jan. 25th, we will summarize the contributions and discuss how to proceed based on contributions and pledges made to that date. Ask Keith Jantz if you have questions.

Want to learn more about Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)? CPT'er John Bergen will be coming through Kansas City on Saturday December 6. He is planning to prepare a Kurdish meal and facilitate a conversation focusing on the stories of the Kurdish people resisting occupation and oppression by foreign powers, fossil fuel companies, and local governments. The meal will begin at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall, with donations accepted. There will also be a raffle to support CPT's team in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Staff Updates

The **office will be closed** on November 27 and 28. This means that the bulletin for November 30 will be printed on Wednesday November 26. If you have any announcements for Sunday November 30, please get them to the church office by 9 am on Wednesday November 26.

Trustees seek volunteers

The trustees are looking for a person who can build a replacement set of steps from the kitchen into the utility space. They will provide a drawing.

The trustees also want volunteers for a committee to look at the front of the church-- entry doors, steps, and sign. This committee would consider the architecture, aesthetics, and code requirements, and present their recommendations for: 1) replacing or modifying the two sets of doors that face Southwest Blvd, 2) repairing, changing, or replacing the sign, and 3) a safety handrail on the steps leading to the seldom-used southwest entry door. A suggested committee size is 3-5 people. They would report to the trustees, with drawn plans or photos or catalog information, estimated costs, and anything else they think is appropriate.

--John Mueller, chair

This Week

Wednesday	November 26	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
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Next Week

Tuesday	December 2	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
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Wednesday	December 3	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
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Friday	December 5	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
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Saturday	December 6	CPT Meal	6:00 pm
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Fall Adult Education Classes

***Falling Upward*.....Wesley Room**

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life is written by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest. His book focuses on “contemplation” and quietness.” Participants will share ideas and experiences together and will take time to practice being still.

***How Jesus Became God*..... Room 110**

This class views lectures on DVDs that explain Christian history, texts, and traditions that allowed an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state to become thought of as equal and one with God. The lecturer is Bart Ehrman, Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

***The Tao of Inner Peace*.....Sunflower Room**

This class will explore the philosophy known in the West as Daoism, a philosophy which has helped millions of people to seek the path to peace within themselves, with each other, and with the natural world around them. This class will focus on those aspects of Daoism which echo some prominent themes within Anabaptism such as pacifism, simple living, and respect for our natural environment, with integration of meditation and personal sharing.

***The Wired Word*.....Library**

This modern Bible study uses headlines to illustrate each week's adult lesson. This week's lesson is about the Fall of the Berlin Wall.