

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 22, 2015

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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Our greeters are **Clyde and Peggy Coriell**. 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. Today's nursery workers are **Janelle Schrag, Jan Good-Bollinger, Madeline Bollinger, and Hannah Schrag**.

Closer: **Scott Weast**

The **rose** at the front of the church is in honor of Aalon Doyle Zehner who was born to Erin and Grant Zehner on November 16, 2015. Claire and Todd Zehner are the proud grandparents.

Nancy Gritman went home last Sunday and is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She's doing well as she continues therapy. Thanks for the well wishes.

A **mentor/mentee "lunch and games"** will be held today following Sunday School. Baked potatoes and desserts will be provided.

The **office will be closed** on Thursday and Friday next week in observance of Thanksgiving. Please send any announcements for the newsnotes to the office by 9 am on Wednesday November 25.

Saturday, December 5th at 9 a.m. will be the annual **advent decorating** time at the church. The Visual Arts Committee needs lots of volunteers to decorate the sanctuary, entrances and Fellowship Hall. Please mark this date on your calendar and come join in the holiday fun. No particular decorating skills are necessary; there's plenty for all to do.

Thanks to everyone who generously donated gloves, mittens and hats and financially contributed to the Cross-Lines Christmas store last Sunday! To date, we have raised \$6,930 to purchase food for the store. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 for the food section of the store, which is organized by our congregation. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'; please put cash in an envelope and mark it 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store'.

Cross-Lines Christmas Store **needs your help!** This year the Christmas Store is located at 1021 Pacific Ave, Kansas City, KS.

- The local United Methodist conference holds an annual Bishops' Roundup of donated items, including food. We need a few more volunteers to help us unload the food and sort items collected from Bishops' Roundup on Saturday, November 21, 2:30 – 4:30pm, at the Cross-Lines Christmas Store.
- Volunteers are also needed to staff the store while customers shop, from December 7-12. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, email Linda Graham or Annie Jones.

Do you happen to have a **peppernut cutting machine**? The youth group will be cutting and baking peppernuts on December 6th and are looking for those brilliant PBC pipe peppernut things to assist in the process. If you have one and would be willing to lend it out please contact Renee at renee@rainbowmennonite.org.

Save the date for an evening of "Christmas Storytelling and Caroling" on Sunday, December 13th at 6:30pm. The storytelling will be provided by the various children and youth Sunday School classes. Hope to see you there for an evening of community!

Gifts Discernment

The Gifts Discernment Committee encourages you to fill out the Gifts Discernment Survey form for 2016 to indicate where you would be willing to serve this year. Your information provides important guidance to committee chairs and the Church Council as volunteer as well as elected responsibilities are met. Please return your completed forms to Ashton Wells in the Church Office or go to www.rainbowmennonite.org/connect/gifts-discernment/ to complete them online. For any questions, contact Keith Jantz.

Stewardship Updates

Committees - it's budget time! The development of the 2016 budget begins with your input. Please plan on meeting during November to develop your request and submit it to the Stewardship Committee by December 1. We do want each committee to give significant thought to the budget as we anticipate increased maintenance expenses in the upcoming years.

This Week

Sunday	November 22	Youth Mentor Lunch	12:00 pm
Thurs-Fri	November 25	Office Closed	All Day

Next Week

Sunday	November 29	Youth Support Board Meeting	11:45 am
Tuesday	December 1	Outreach Committee Meeting	3:00 pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	December 2	Taizé Service	5:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm
Friday	December 4	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Saturday	December 5	Advent Decorating	9:00 am

Fall Adult Education Classes

***Lila: A Novel*.....Library**

This class will discuss the book *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. The novel is a story of a girlhood lived on the fringes of society in fear, awe, and wonder. After years of roaming the countryside, Lila steps inside a small-town Iowa church and ignites a romance with the minister and becomes the minister's wife. However, she struggles to reconcile the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with the gentle Christian worldview of her husband who paradoxically judges those she loves.

Three Short Books Everyone Should Read..... Wesley Room

Today we will be discussing *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko. The last Sunday of the Sunday School quarter will be for a discussion of all three books (*Slaughterhouse-Five*, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* and *Ceremony*).

***Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ*.....Room 111**

This class will discuss the book *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ* by Reza Aslan which offers a fresh look at the Nazarene, focusing on how Jesus the man evolved into Jesus the Christ. Approaching the subject from a purely academic perspective, the author parts an important curtain that has long hidden from view the man Jesus, who is every bit as compelling, charismatic, and praiseworthy as Christ.

Polity, Bible, & LGBTQ Controversies in MCUSA.....Sunflower Room

This class is primarily focused on the study of Dr. Stephanie Krehbiel's PHD dissertation titled, "*PACIFIST BATTLEGROUND: Violence, Community, and the Struggle for LGBTQ Justice in the Mennonite Church USA.*" Today Dr. Krehbiel will be joining the discussion!