

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 29, 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 **Mitch Kaufman and Jerry Jantz**. 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 **Carrie and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Whitmore Park workday on Saturday, Nov. 21. We were very productive in raking and mulching leaves, and then taking them to the Rainbow Garden. Many thanks to the 17 volunteers who braved the cold and made our fall workday a success! -Park Committee

Stop by the fellowship hall west foyer (next to the elevator) to see the **restored Methodist pulpit**. Thank you to Sandy Wetzel for helping us preserve this historical piece!

Women's lunch group is planning to meet Wednesday, December 2, 11 a.m. at Lemon Grass, 7316 W. 80th St. in Overland Park. Close to Ten Thousand Villages, we will include shopping there after lunch. Please join us for this time of eating, sharing and shopping!

Volunteers are needed to help serve at Willa Gill Food Kitchen on Friday, December 4 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Willa Gill is located at 645 Nebraska Ave in downtown Kansas City, KS. If you are available and interested in helping serve food, please contact Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org.

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.

Cross-Lines Christmas Store needs your help! Four strong volunteers are needed to unload the food Hy-Vee will be delivering on Friday, Dec. 4 early in the afternoon, and 1-2 persons are needed to help take inventory of it. Volunteers are also needed staff the store while customers shop, from Dec. 7-12. The Christmas Store is located at 1021 Pacific Ave, Kansas City, KS. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, email Linda Graham or Annie Jones.

Our small group would like to invite other small groups or individuals to go **Christmas caroling** at a nearby nursing home on Sunday December 13 at 4:00 pm (we plan to be done by 5:00 to return to the church for the Christmas program). If you or your entire small group is interested, contact Sara Mwangura.

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!

“Finding Purpose in Creative Pursuits” is the topic of the Next Chapter Kansas City forum to be held on Tuesday, December 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd St, Kansas City, KS. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from nine persons ages 50+ about ways in which their discovery or revival of pastime interests has been meaningful. There will also be samples of their creativity and an opportunity to visit one-on-one with the presenters. Two of the presenters are Lonnie Buerge and Linda Graham from our church. Lonnie will talk about and present poetry, and Linda Graham will speak about the children’s book that she wrote and illustrated to help children deal with the death of a pet. Contact Karen Hostetler, director of the Next Chapter Kansas City program at karenh@sckck.org with questions. Next Chapter is a program of Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies.

In the event of **inclement weather**, church-related cancellation notices will appear on the home page of our church website. Also, an email will be sent to the congregation and local news sources will be contacted.

Youth Updates

Peppernut Fundraiser

Every jr/sr high youth is invited to help prepare the peppernuts for Dec. 13th
Proceeds go toward the sr high Learning Experience and jr high Service Week

Please bring some peppernut dough

Everyone may help cut and bake with cool peppernut "things"

Renee is excited to see you there

November is over, and Christmas is here

U too can be excited

To help on...

Sunday, December 6th from 6-8pm

This 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	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am
		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

Next Week

Sunday	December 6	Jr/Sr High youth group	6:00 pm
Wednesday	December 9	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	6:45 pm