

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 27, 2016

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 **Kent Moore and Jana Graham**. Our greeters are **Andrew Moore and Jake Beachey**. Please ask any of 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. Today's nursery workers are **Cynthia Kaufman, Dawn Araujo-Hawkins, and Kennedy Kaufman**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Please pray for Russel Yoder as he receives care at Kansas City Transitional Care Center.

Today we welcome Annette Hope Billings to Rainbow! Annette, who lives in Topeka, is affectionately called "The Maya Angelou of the Midwest." She is a poet, playwright, actress and nurse, who re-directed her method of advocating health and wellness from nursing to healing with poetry and prose. Annette will help us reflect on hope in the darkness as she shares some of her poetry with us during the education hour (Sanctuary). Annette first came to Rainbow this past summer when she led a poetry session with Freedom School scholars.

Please save **Saturday, December 3** to help rake leaves in **Whitmore playground**. We will take them over to the garden to be composted. We'll need leaf vacs and rakes. If someone has a riding, mulching mower with leaf catcher that would be very helpful. We will start at 8am.

Women's Luncheon Group -

Wednesday, December 7 - Lemongrass Thai Cuisine, 7316 W. 80th St., Overland Park at 11:00. With the restaurant one block from Ten Thousand Villages, we will be following last year's tradition of shopping there after our lunch. Please join us for this holiday celebration.

The **Rainbow Choir** has been invited to do a brief *a cappella* concert at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art on Friday, December 23 at 12:30. Bring your friends and family!

Youth Updates

The deposit of (\$100) and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Medical Release Form for Jr High Snow Camp is due to Renee by **Sunday, December 4th**. The dates for Jr High Snow Camp at RMMC are January 20th-22nd.

A **Youth Peppernut Fundraiser** will be taking place during the **fellowship hour on Sunday, December 11th**. In preparation for the fundraiser, youth and sponsors will be baking peppernuts during youth group on Sunday, December 4th from 6-8pm. This will be done in a similar fashion to last year in which each youth will be asked to **bring a batch of peppernut dough to youth group on December 4th** where we will all cut, bake, and package the peppernuts.

Staff Updates

The staff will be on a staff retreat on Wednesday November 30 from 10 am until 3 pm. Laura Schmidt will be volunteering in the office.

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office on Friday, December 2.

Stewardship Update

Online giving to Rainbow Mennonite Church is now available on the church website (www.rainbowmennonite.org). Click on the yellow button that says “click here to give.” You will be taken to the new online giving page. Please make sure you see the Rainbow Mennonite Church dove logo on the upper left. You can register as a first time user or give without logging in. Registering allows you to make scheduled recurring donations and have a record of your contributions. You will have the option of giving by debit card, credit card, or eCheck (only available if you are registered). Please consider the fees when making your donation. The current fees are 3% for debit/credit cards and 1% for eCheck.

Community News

Below are the dates and times of presentations about post-election immigration presented by Gail Goeke's law firm. Following the presentation in English and Spanish, we will allow time for questions. Contact Gail Goeke with any questions

- December 1 at Argentine Community Center 2810 Metropolitan Ave. Kansas City, KS 66106 at 7 pm
- December 6 at McCrummen Immigration Law Group Office, 2005 Swift Ave., North Kansas City, MO 64116 at 6:30 pm

November 20

Attendance.....	184
Visitors (included in attendance count)	7

This Week

Tuesday	November 29	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday	November 30	Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15) Staff retreat	6:45 pm
Friday	December 2	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30 am
Saturday	December 3	Park Work Day Advent Decorating	8:00 am 9:00 am

Next Week

Sunday	December 4	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Monday	December 5	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
Tuesday	December 6	Crosslines Christmas Store Staff Meeting Worship Committee Meeting	9:00 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday	December 7	Crosslines Christmas Store Women's Luncheon Choir Rehearsal (dinner at 6:15)	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:45 pm
Thursday	December 8	Crosslines Christmas Store Deacons Meeting	9:00 am 5:30 pm
Friday	December 9	Crosslines Christmas Store	9:00 am
Saturday	December 10	Crosslines Christmas Store	10:00 am

Anthem Text

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

As the dark awaits the dawn,
so we await your light.
O Star of promise, scatter night,
loving bright, loving bright,
'till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour
before the silv'ring skies,
we long to see your day arise,
whole and wise, whole and wise,
Olucent Morning Star.

As the moon reflects the sun
until the night's decrease,
may we your healing light release,
living peace, living peace,
unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place,
enlighten every guest,
that through us stream your holiness,
bright and blest, bright and blest;
come dawn, O Sun of grace.