

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 19, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship. 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. After the worship service, the Welcome Committee invites you to the designated Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) to connect with other attendees.

Today's greeters are **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. Usher is **Jonathan Bollinger**. 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. Our nursery workers today are **Karla Leuenberg, Carrie Parsons and Eva Parsons**.

Closing Trustee: **Clif Hostetler**

Remembering in Prayer...

Please join in prayer for Clyde Coriell as he received a pacemaker this past week at Saint Luke's North. He is currently staying at Linden Woods Village.

This Morning at Rainbow

We celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Rainbow Mennonite Church! All are welcome to join us for the noon potluck and narrated slideshow in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements

The Worship Committee has decided that for now, we will continue asking the worship leader and pastor to read and highlight announcements as opposed to passing the microphone. Therefore if you have an announcement to highlight in worship, please email or instruct the worship leader or pastor prior to the morning worship service. Please note that children and youth are exempt from this request. The Worship Committee welcomes your feedback regarding this change.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Program begin this Sunday, November 19th during the Sunday School hour. Children in preschool and Kindergarten will meet in the preschool Sunday School room. Children in grades 1st-5th will be taken to their interest group following Worship Arts. Youth in grades 6th-12th will be assigned their interest group rooms in the weekly recap email sent out on Thursday.

Join the East Hill Singers for their fall concert, "The Magic of Music." Rainbow attendees Duane Graber, Clif Hostetler, Duane Krehbiel, George Melby and Wendell Selzer are all participants in the choir. Hear them in concert this afternoon at 4:00pm at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, 900 Ida Street, Lansing, KS 66043.

As we celebrate our 60 year history as a congregation, we also look ahead. During Sunday school the **next two Sundays, November 26 and December 3**, Rainbow Church Council would like your feedback on some congregational goals that are starting to take shape. We will organize ourselves in small table groups in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and refine these potential goals. Come one or both Sundays to share your input and listen to what others have to say.

CROSS-LINES CHRISTMAS STORE 2017 * REVISED NEW LOCATION!**

Cross-Lines Christmas Store allows 500 area families the opportunity to shop for Christmas. The Christmas Store is located at **736 Shawnee Ave, Kansas City, KS, corner of Shawnee and Pyle**. Whether it's with your time or your funds, you can experience the joy of contributing to this great cause! Here are ways you can help:

- Consider making a cash donation. Please make checks payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church, designated for "Cross-Lines Christmas Store"; please put cash in an envelope and mark it "Cross-Lines Christmas Store"
- Volunteers are also needed to staff the store while customers shop, from December 4-9. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall after this morning's service

We will be assisting Trinity Community Church in serving lunch at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, 645 Nebraska, on Friday, December 1, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. If you want to volunteer to help that day, you may email Nancy Bosche. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall this morning during coffee time.

As we look forward to the Advent season, the Visual Arts Committee is asking for volunteers to help decorate our sanctuary, entrances and fellowship hall on **Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 to 11:00 am**. There will be heavy wreaths to hang, trees to put up, garlands to fluff, and stars for little ones to decorate for the fellowship hall tree. You can choose your preference of tasks and no particular decorating skills are necessary. Juice and goodies will be provided. We need lots of hands to get it all done in 2 hours!

On December 2 there will be a playground work day beginning at 8am. Bring the whole family to help us rake leaves. There will be hot chocolate and donuts! We could also use extra equipment - please bring leaf rakes, blowers, vacs, and mulching lawn mowers. The Christmas Program, *O Come ALL Ye Faithful*, will be **Sunday, December 10**

beginning at 4:00pm. This year the program will be a collaborated work with children, youth, and adults. Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour November 19th, 26th, December 3rd, and 10th. Please contact Rosi Penner Kaufman if you would like to offer any special music as a prelude to the Christmas program. This opportunity is open for all ages to participate and attend!

Gifts Discernment Survey: Please take a minute to fill out a survey about ways that you would like to be involved at Rainbow. Paper copies were included with the bulletin last Sunday or you can access the survey online. See the most recent midweek email for the link or contact the office at office@rainbowmennonite.org.

Budget Update - through the first half of November, our revenues are within \$2K of budget and expenses are running around \$20K under budget. We project needing \$110K in contributions for the remainder of the year to meet our budget. As a point of reference, contributions over the same period in 2016 were \$124K. Thank you for your continued generosity and for remembering the church's financial needs in the last 6 weeks of the year.

Online Giving - if you set up automatic contributions in November or December of 2016, your giving schedule may be expiring or already has expired. Please log in to Online Giving from the church website to check your automatic deductions schedule to renew, if necessary. Whether or not you have automatic deductions, anyone can make contributions to the general fund or any of the other funds we have, including Crosslines Christmas. Please contact Mark Unruh with any questions.

Attention Bethel College Friends and Alumni

Bethel College and Mennonite Central Committee-Central States will partner for #GivingTuesday, Nov. 28. They are asking for financial gifts to the Bethel Annual Fund and dark-colored, medium-weight, new bath towels to help MCC replenish their relief kits. Bring donations Nov. 28 between 5-9 p.m. to Rainbow Mennonite Church. There will be a short program and update on the college at 7 pm. Dessert and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Brad Kohlman, alumni development director.

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Attendance	162
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	16
General Fund	\$ 5,186.00
Other Donations.....	\$ 5,433.50
Offering Total	\$10,619.50

This Week

Sunday	Nov 19	60 th Celebration Church Walk	8:00am
		Jr High Walk & Breakfast	8:00am
		Christmas Program Rehearsal	10:50am
		60 th Anniversary Congregational Potluck	11:50pm
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
		Sr High Lunch Discussion	12:00pm
Monday	Nov 20	Outreach Committee Meeting	1:00pm
		Rainbow Garden Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Nov 21	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Head Start Family Potluck	5:00pm
Thursday	Nov 23	Thanksgiving – Office Closed	
Friday	Nov 24	Thanksgiving – Office Closed	
Next Week			
Sunday	Nov 26	Christmas Program Rehearsal	10:50am
		Rainbow Guest House Meeting	12:30pm
Monday	Nov 27	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Nov 28	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Bethel College #GivingTuesday	5:00pm
		Deacons' Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	Nov 29	Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Friday	Dec 1	Willa Gill Food Kitchen	10:30am
Saturday	Dec 2	Whitmore Playground Work Day	8:00am
		Visual Arts Christmas Decorating	9:00am

Fall Adult Education Options

The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way by Brian McLaren

Facilitator: Leroy Seat

Sunflower Room

Return to Northkill by Ervin R. Stutzman

Facilitator: Clif Hostetler

Room #111

The Wired Word

Facilitator: June Seat

Library