

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 26, 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 **George Melby and Sammy Stayton**. Ushers are **Darin and Jacob Kaufman**. 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 **Melissa Funk and Kendric Beachey**.

Closing Trustee: **Scott Weast**

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## Remembering in Prayer...

Please continue to pray for Clyde Coriell as recovers at Linden Woods Village after recently receiving a pacemaker.

## This Morning at Rainbow

During Sunday school hour today and next Sunday, December 3, Rainbow Church Council would like your feedback on five congregational goals that are starting to take shape. We will organize ourselves in small table groups in Fellowship Hall to discuss and refine these potential goals. Come to share your input and listen to what others have to say. \*Please note that Leroy Seat's and June Seat's adult education classes are still meeting during this hour.

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 during the Sunday School hour have begun! 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 have been assigned their interest group rooms.

## **Announcements**

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.

## **Rainbow Work Day – Saturday, Dec 2**

- **Advent Decorating, 9:00 – 11:00am:** 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. 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.
- **Playground Work Day, 8:00 – 3:00pm:** 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.

## **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
- Volunteers are needed to help unload groceries at the Christmas Store this week. Date and time will be determined later but will be during the day on either Wednesday (Nov 29), Thursday (Nov 30), or Friday (Dec 1). Please contact Keith Jantz or Anna Jones if you are available to volunteer.

The Christmas Program, *O Come ALL Ye Faithful*, will be **Sunday, December 10 beginning at 4:00pm** followed by a dessert reception. Please bring a dessert to share! Contact Rosi Penner Kaufman if you would like to offer any special music as a prelude to the Christmas Program. Open for ALL 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. To complete the survey online, please see the most recent midweek email for the link. If you prefer, you can fill out a paper form and return it to the church office mailbox. Contact Carrie Parsons at [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) with questions.

**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.

### **Youth Updates**

December youth group will be held on tonight from 6-8pm and the theme is PEPPERNUTS! Bring some already made peppernut dough and we will bake, cut, and package the peppernuts as a group. Please eat beforehand as there will NOT be supper. We will be selling peppernuts during the fellowship time December 10th. Let Renee know if you need a peppernut dough recipe.

### **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 (short program and update on the college at 7 pm). For more information, contact Brad Kohlman.

**Shop on Amazon?** If you start at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Sharing Community in Rosedale as your charity, SCR will receive 0.5% of your purchases. This will not cost you any additional money than what you are already spending on Amazon and is a great, easy way to support youth programming in the Rosedale area.

## November 19

Attendance .....	170
Visitors (included in attendance count).....	11
General Fund .....	\$ 4,400.20
Other Donations.....	\$ 1,364.00
<b>Offering Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,764.20</b>
<b>Cross-Lines Donations To Date.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,364.00</b>

### This 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

### Next Week

Sunday	Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday	
		Christmas Program Rehearsal	10:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	12:00pm
		Youth Group Peppernut Making	6:00pm
Tuesday	Dec 5	Staff Meeting	1:30pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 6	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Dinner	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Dec 9	Sr High Cross-Lines Christmas Store	8:00am

### 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

*The Wired Word*

Facilitator: June Seat

Library