

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 4, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

We invite you to sign our friendship register when it is passed during the offering. Between the worship service and Sunday school, please join us for coffee and donuts downstairs in the fellowship hall. Visitors and newcomers, please look for the Rainbow Connections Table!

Today's ushers are **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Greeters are **John and Pat Bertsche**. 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, for children birth to age four, is located on the second floor of the education wing. Our nursery workers today are **Brenda Tatro, Kate Brubacher, Larissa Schrag**. Closing Trustee: **Steven Cress**

Remembering in Prayer...

From The Schrag Family: *Last Wednesday, Janelle Schrag had a lung tissue biopsy to determine a path for treatment of possible fibrosis in her lungs. We'd be grateful for prayers as we navigate through the uncertainty that could lie ahead.*

This Morning at Rainbow ~ All Saints' Day

- **WorshipArts (K-5th Grade) 10:25am**
- **Children and Youth Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**
- **Adult Sunday School 10:50 – 11:40am**
 - ♦ *Journey Forward*: Facilitated by Pastor Ruth Harder, meets in Sunflower Room
 - ♦ *America's Original Sin*: Facilitated by Clif Hostetler and Symposium Committee members, meets in Wesley Room.
- **Remembrance Garden Gathering 11:45 am-noon**: All are invited to the Remembrance Garden to place an engraved brick in honor of Frank.

Announcements

Thank you to all who RSVP'd for the movie and meal in honor of Frank Ward tomorrow night from 5:30-9pm. If you would still like to RSVP for the meal, please email the church office no later than 8am Monday morning so we can attempt to change the catered food order. If you would just like to attend the movie (Coco), please arrive at VOX Theatre no later than 6:30pm, no RSVP necessary.

Note from the Playground Committee: *Please be aware of a small fire that occurred last Tuesday morning (10/30) at the Whitmore Playground. Fortunately, our own Ben Parker Sutter acted quickly and extinguished the fire. There was limited damage to one of the lower platforms on the Fish which has been fenced off until it can be repaired. Please contact me if you have any questions. ~ Darin Kaufman*

Note from the Treasurer, Mark Unruh: 2019 budget requests will go out to committees in the next week. Please make sure that you go over your budget requirements in your November meetings. Requests will be due back to Stewardship Committee by December 1.

A note from Deacon Chair Amy Kliever and Trustee Chair Eric Jantzen: In light of recently voiced concerns about safety, we have decided to keep the southeast doors (facing Southwest Boulevard) locked on Sunday mornings, at least for the time being. This will allow ushers and greeters to focus their welcome on the east and west entrances. As per our congregational goals, Deacons have begun to review and discuss the detailed recommendations created by a safety committee several years ago. These recommendations will be shared in the coming months by Deacons and Church Council.

Election Day! On Tuesday, November 6, the church building will be used as a polling site for area voters.

Young Adults of Rainbow! We've had a bit of a hiatus, but it's once again time for the **Rainbow Mennonite Young Adult Group** to do fun things together! Our upcoming event is a **Fall Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 10th** starting at 6pm. We'll begin the evening at the MVS house for appetizers and carpool to our remaining two locations. Stop #2 will feature a yummy main course at Aaron and Diane Barnhart's house and Stop #3 will conclude our evening with a delicious dessert at Ruth and Jesse's abode. If you are a member of the Rainbow Mennonite Young Adult Facebook Group, check out and sign up for the event there! If you don't have Facebook or have any questions or concerns, send an email to Christina Hofer.

Youth News

The Junior and Senior High Youth Group will be meeting at the church tonight, from 6 to 8pm. We will be doing a "Village Exercise," making fruit pizza, and other activities.

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) Update*

From Hanna Hochstetler: *I ended my MVS temporary term at Rainbow on October 26, 2018. Tomorrow, I will start a year-long MVS assignment at the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund on November 5, 2018. At MFAF, I will help with the teen program, and provide some Spanish interpretation for medical appointments. I am excited about this transition but am sad to leave the staff at Rainbow! I plan to continue to work with the Rainbow youth throughout the rest of the year and will find ways to stay plugged in with everything happening around the church. Thank you all for your support so far! Prayers would be appreciated as I begin this transition to a new placement.*

Community Events

World's Window is once again collecting women's and children's coats and sweaters for Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence shelter. Needed are new and GENTLY-used, clean coats and sweaters. Donations can be dropped off at World's Window in Brookside. If you prefer to bring donations to the church, please let Jan or Lonnie Buerge know so they can coordinate pick-up. Donations will be accepted through November 8.

A musical event recommendation from Rosi Penner Kaufman:

On Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 pm, please join the greater Kansas City community at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS, for a special worship service held on the very day of the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. As the home of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City will be a focal point of this commemoration. This service is co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Atonement Lutheran Church, Thrivent Financial, and various private donors. Featuring the renowned Störling Dance Theater, and Te Deum Chamber Choir, the worship service weaves together letters from soldiers on the front written to their loved ones back home, lovely music, powerful dance depicting life at the end of the war, scripture, reflections, and prayer. Plan to arrive by 2:30 get a good seat. All are welcome to attend.

October 28, 2018

Attendance.....	140
Visitors (included in attendance count)	10

This Week

Sunday	Nov 4	All Saints' Day Frank Ward Remembrance Garden Gathering	11:45am
Monday	Nov 5	Celebration of Frank Ward at Vox Theatre	5:30pm
Tuesday	Nov 6	Election Day Staff Meeting Christmas Planning Committee Meeting Personnel Committee Meeting Worship Committee Meeting	10:30am 5:30pm 5:30pm 7:00pm
Wednesday	Nov 7	Women's Luncheon Choir Meal Choir Rehearsal	11:00am 6:15pm 6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 8	Symposium Committee Meeting Trustees Meeting	6:00pm 7:00pm
Friday	Nov 9	RDA Retreat at Rainbow	8:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Nov 11	Cross-Lines Sunday Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
Tuesday	Nov 13	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Nov 14	Choir Meal Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm 6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 15	Church Council	7:00pm

*Rainbow Mennonite Church is the host congregation for Kansas City's Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Currently we have three volunteers living in the MVS house, serving with local nonprofits, while also plugging into the Rosedale neighborhood and Rainbow. These temporary volunteers are joined by an associate MVS resident and longer-term house residents/managers Kimberly Hunter and Je'Taime Taylor.

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