

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 25, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Jake Beachey and Laura Schmidt**. 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 **Stan and Carol Buller**. Closing trustee is **Eric Jantzen**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Pray for George Melby who is currently at Bishop Spenser Place receiving rehab.
- Please pray for Karla and Brian Leuenberg. On Oct. 31, while traveling in Rwanda, they were struck by a motorcycle while on foot. They returned home having both suffered several injuries. Karla will face a longer recovery due to a pelvic fracture.
- The Schrag family thanks you for your prayers, words of comfort and encouragement. Janelle's diagnosis is pulmonary amyloidosis. Basically, her cells are producing proteins that attack her lungs. The next steps include meeting with an oncologist to discuss treatment options, which could include chemotherapy. We continue to be hopeful, and are grateful for your prayers.
- We celebrate with Nick Schroeder and Melissa Funk as they will be married this Saturday here at Rainbow!

This Morning at Rainbow

- **WorshipArts (K-5th Grade, Jr High and Sr High Women) 10:25am**
- **Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:50–11:40am:** Fellowship Hall and WorshipArts Room
- **Adult Sunday School 10:50–11:40am:** Did you know that Advent also begins a new liturgical year and lectionary cycle? Want to learn more? During Sunday School hour this morning, Ruth will lead a liturgical calendar / lectionary primer and discussion in the Sanctuary.

Announcements

In the event of **inclement weather**, church-related cancellation notices will appear on the home page of our church website. An email will also be sent to the congregation and the church facebook page will be updated.

If anyone is interested in having a copy of the 1975-1998 Frank and Margaret Ward Photo Album, please contact the church office to place an order.

Please join the playground committee for a workday in Whitmore Playground from 8am to noon on Saturday, December 8th. Our main task will be to rake and mulch all the leaves, so we will need lots of help! Bring your rakes! We are also looking for a riding lawn mower that can mulch and bag leaves - please contact Andy Toews or Darin Kaufman if you have one that you would be willing to lend us for that day.

Stewardship Update (11/21) – As of Sunday, November 18, it is estimated that we will require \$106K in contributions in the final 6 weeks of the year to meet our 2018 budget commitment. This means an average of about \$17.7K per week. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you.

Note from the Treasurer, Mark Unruh: To all committees, please make sure that you go over your budget requirements in your November meetings. 2019 budget requests are due back to Stewardship Committee by December 1.

Rainbow Young Adults: Let's celebrate the holidays with our fellow young adult friends! This holiday gathering will be held at the amazing Holly Wetzel's house in Lenexa. (Meeting up at the church to carpool is totally an option!) Please bring a delicious potluck dish to share! **ALSO.** If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$10. Come celebrate the holidays, decorate some Christmas cookies, dance to some sassy Christmas music, and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends!

Are you interested in supporting the young adults of Rainbow Mennonite Church in a unique way? As we look forward to the new year, we are looking for church members who would like to 1) host a Rainbow Young Adults event 2) financially support a group outing OR 3) would like to contribute in some other way! We are open to your ideas and suggestions. This is a great opportunity to get to know the young adults in the church and for us to get to know you! Additionally, it helps to insure that this group can meet regularly and continue to build a small community of our own. If you have any interest, please chat with Christina Hofer. There is no commitment at this point -- this is just an opportunity to brainstorm and see how we might work together to make something happen!

Youth Events

Upcoming youth group activities:

Sunday December 2: Peppernut Making (Jr and Sr High) 6pm – 8pm

- \$100 deposit due for KNOW JESUS – Jr High, See note below

Saturday Morning December 8: Sr High at Cross-Lines Christmas Store

Sunday December 9: Peppernut Bake Sale 10:30am

For Jr. High youth, **KNOW JESUS** is coming up this February 9-10, 2019 at Hesston College. **KNOW JESUS** is a weekend-long retreat for Jr. High (6th-8th grade) students to join with other youth groups to make new friends, fellowship together, join in lively worship, and learn more about Anabaptist roots. Young people will learn about the rich heritage of their churches and think about ways to promote growth in their lives now as they grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. The retreat is organized by the Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee of Mennonite Church USA. The registration fee is \$100 and is due by Dec. 2. Contact Ben Parker Sutter at outreach@rainbowmennonite.org with questions.

Community News

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, December 4 will focus on "Finding Purpose in Creative Pursuits." There will be presentations and displays by a gourd artist, an author, a person who builds bicycles and designs biking accessories, a Master Food volunteer/seamstress, a woodworker, a singer/guitarist, and a person who is a collector and seller of antiques -- all who are aged 50 and over. You will also have the opportunity to visit one-on-one with the presenters. Some of the speakers sell their creations, some use their talents to give back to the community, and some create to fill the purpose void that may be felt when we leave our primary careers.

The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. There is no charge. You may also contact Karen Hostetler for more information. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner agencies. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

November 18, 2018

Attendance.....	163
Visitors (included in attendance count)	2
General Fund	\$ 8,870.00
Other Donations	\$ 1,909.25
Total Offering	\$ 10,779.25

This Week

Tuesday	Nov 27	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Nov 28	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Nov 29	Youth Sponsor Meeting	6:00pm
Friday	Nov 30	Wedding Rehearsal	4:30pm
Saturday	Dec 1	Church Decoration Day	8:30am
		Wedding	2:00pm

Next Week

Sunday	Dec 2	1 st Day of Advent / Communion Sunday	
		Christmas Carol Sing at MVS House	10:50am
		Christmas Program Rehearsal	10:50am
		Rezound! Handbell Concert	3:00pm
		Youth Group: Peppernut Making	6:00pm
Monday	Dec 3	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Dec 4	Staff Outing – Church Office Closed	12:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 5	Women’s Luncheon	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Dec 8	Whitmore Playground Work Day	8:00am

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’Taima Taylor.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)
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