

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 2, 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 **Jonathan Bollinger and Andy Toews**. Greeters are **Melissa Funk and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Karen Uhlenhuth, Amy Ortman and Lia Uhlenhuth**. Closing trustee is **Brad Gritman**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- Congratulations to Kelsy and Jake Allison on the birth of their daughter Eleanor on November 29. Evelyn is the proud big sister and Gary Long is the proud grandpa!
- Thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers, and gifts of food since our accident. We are making steady progress toward recovery. I am walking better each day and receiving therapy for my left hand. Brian is back to a normal schedule except for helping me. ~ Karla and Brian Leuenberg
- From Janelle Schrag & Family: *My family and I are grateful for your prayers, thoughts, words, cards, notes, and all-around expressions of support. We are grateful to be part of such a caring church community. I'll begin my first cycle of chemotherapy on Monday, November 26 to begin combatting pulmonary amyloidosis. I'll continue with chemotherapy every 28 days for a total of four cycles. Following chemo, I'll then undergo a bone marrow transplant. We ask for continued prayers for strength and patience as we face the road ahead.*

This Morning at Rainbow ~ Communion Sunday and First Day of Advent

- WorshipArts (K-5th Grade) and Women's Ensemble (Jr & Sr High) 10:25am
- 2nd Hour 10:50 – 11:40am
 - ♦ Christmas Program Rehearsal : Youth Rooms and WorshipArts Room
 - ♦ Open House with Carol Sing at the MVS House (2303 S. Early St, KCK)

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.

Hanna Hochstetler has written an open letter to the Rainbow congregation, which you can read at www.overandaroundtherainbow.com. In this letter Hanna reflects on her sermon from October 21, whereby she addressed the difficult realities of sexual violence.

Stewardship Update (11/28) – As of Sunday, November 25, it is estimated that we will require \$102K in contributions December to meet our 2018 budget commitment. This averages to about \$20.4K per week. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. If you would like to give and cannot be at church a particular Sunday, remember the online giving option at our church website. Thank you.

The Wednesday Ladies Lunch Group is planning to meet at Lakeview Wednesday, Dec., 5th, to sing to Stacy Gourley, a resident in the Care Center there. She is Bill and Charity Gourley's daughter. The singing will begin at 11:00 with lunch soon after. Please consider joining us for this event. The deadline for lunch reservations has been extended until Friday, November 30th. Please contact Norma Moeller as soon as possible with your reservation.

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.

Rainbow Young Adults: Let's celebrate the holidays with our fellow young adult friends! This holiday gathering will begin at 7:00pm on Dec 8 and held at the The Wetzel home (8919 Greenway Lane, Lenexa, KS). 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? 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! If you have any interest, please contact Christina Hofer.

Staff Updates

On Tuesday, December 4, the Rainbow Staff will enjoy a lunch outing and an afternoon volunteering at the Cross-Lines Christmas Store. Thank you to Linda Hiebert for filling in at the church office during this time.

Youth Events

Tonight!

- Peppernut Making (Junior and Senior High) 6pm – 8pm
- \$100 deposit due for KNOW JESUS – Jr High, See note below!

Saturday Morning December 8:

- Sr High at Crosslines Christmas Store, 736 Shawnee, KCKS

Sunday December 9, 8:30 – 9:25am

- Junior High and Sr High Breakfasts (note: Sr high is doing breakfast instead of lunch to avoid a conflict with the Christmas Program rehearsal)

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.

- We will travel together on **Saturday morning (Feb 9) leaving 8:30am and return around 2:30pm on Sunday**. Our time together will include a scavenger hunt, games, worship sessions, a mini service project, and the Anabaptist Game!
- The **registration fee is \$100 and is due by Dec. 2** and we will collect checks at church or Peppernut making that day. Please make out checks to the church and designated to the Youth Trip fund and give them to Ben. For questions, please contact Ben Parker Sutter at outreach@rainbowmennonite.org.

Community News

The Next Chapter Kansas City forum on Tuesday, December 4 will focus on "Finding Purpose in Creative Pursuits." The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler.

November 25, 2018

Attendance	81
Visitors (included in attendance count)	5

This Week

Sunday	Dec 2	1 st Day of Advent / Communion Sunday	
		Open House with Carol Sing at MVS House	10:50am
		Christmas Program Rehearsal	10:50am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
		Rezound! Handbell Concert	3:00pm
		Youth Group: Peppernut Making	6:00pm
Monday	Dec 3	Deacons' Meeting	5:30pm
		SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Dec 4	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Staff Outing	11:15am
		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

Next Week

Sunday	Dec 9	Jr and Sr High Breakfasts	8:30am
		Youth Peppernut Bake Sale	10:30am
		Christmas Program Rehearsal	10:50am
Tuesday	Dec 11	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Dec 12	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Dec 13	Trustees Meeting	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.

Sarah Tomas Morgan ~ Jewish Vocational services (sarah.tomasmorgan@gmail.com)
Hanna Hochstetler ~ Migrant Farmers Assistance Fund (hannakathleen.h@gmail.com)
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