

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 30, 2018

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to 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.

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

This morning's ushers **David Becker and David Bluford**. Greeters are **Greg and Leah Schwarz**. Please ask 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. There will be no nursery volunteers today, but the room is available for parents with small children. Closing volunteer is **Mitch Kaufman**.

Remembering in Prayer...

- ❖ Please pray for Bill Goodman who has been in the hospital since Christmas Day.
- ❖ Please continue to keep Dave, Hannah, and Larissa Schrag in your prayers. If you are interested in taking a meal to them, feel free to sign up on the schedule at the link below or contact Dave directly. In addition, Dave would appreciate any simple recipes that you have to share. <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/CSZN7102>

This Morning at Rainbow

There will be no WorshipArts or Sunday School this morning. Please join us for an extended time of fellowship with coffee and donuts after the service.

Stewardship Update

As of December 26, we are forecasting that we will require \$16,500 in contributions before the end of December to meet our 2018 budget commitment to fund all of the missions of the church. Below are four ways to help contribute to the church's need as the year ends. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

- Donate during this morning's offering.
- Mail your donation to the church with postmark by Dec. 31 to count toward 2018.
- Drop off your donation at the church on Dec. 31 (between 9:00 - noon).
- Donate online at the home page of the church website. Look for the Online Giving item in the main menu. Donate until 11:59pm on Dec. 31 to count toward 2018.

Announcements

Please note that Ruth's final day for checking email and phone messages prior to her sabbatical will be tomorrow, December 31.

During Ruth's sabbatical, the Rainbow Deacons will take turns being on call for pastoral care concerns. Richard VanDyke will be on call January 1-January 13

There will be no choir rehearsal on Wednesday, January 2, but the choir will sing for Sunday morning worship on Sunday, January 6.

Attention committee chairs! Annual reports are due in the office by 9am on Monday, January 7. Please email your report to office@rainbowmennonite.org in doc format or within the body of the email.

Save the Date! Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting and potluck will take place on January 27, 2019 at noon.

Youth Updates

Please save the date on your summer calendars for the **Mennonite Church USA convention on July 2-6** in Kansas City. Senior high youth will spend the whole week together and stay in the convention hotels. Junior high youth will attend the convention programming during the day from 8am-5pm, with a lock-in at the church on Friday night. Junior highers will need to be picked up after programming each day. More information about registration cost and deadlines will be coming soon.

Staff Updates

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 31 beginning at noon and closed all day on Tuesday, January 1.

Mennonite Voluntary Service News

Eba Lemessa, one of our Mennonite Voluntary Service workers, will be ending his term to go back to school at the beginning of January. He had planned to take online classes and finish here at the end of February, but his school has made it mandatory to attend classes in person. Eba has been a wonderful addition to KC MVS, the Rainbow community, and his placement at Connecting For Good. His final Sunday with us will be next week on January 6.

December 23, 2018

Attendance.....	133
Visitors (included in attendance count)	14
General Fund	\$ 26,484.00
Other Donations	\$ 240.12
Total Offering	\$ 26,724.12

This Week

Monday	Dec 31	Church Office Closes at Noon	
Tuesday	Jan 1	New Year's Day - Church Office Closed	
Wednesday	Jan 2	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		No Choir Rehearsal	

Next Week

Monday	Jan 7	Annual Reports Due	9:00am
Tuesday	Jan 8	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 9	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan 10	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)

Eba Goshu ~ Connecting for Good (elemes200@caledonian.ac.uk)

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