

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

November 24, 2019

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.

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!

This morning's ushers are **David Bluford, Eric and Alex Jantzen**. Greeters are **George Melby and Jake Beachey**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, use of a large-print hymnal, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery, available for children from birth to age 4, is located on the second floor in the education wing. Nursery workers are **Carol and Stan Buller**. Closing Trustee is **Scott Weast**.

Remembering in Prayer...

A funeral service will be held at Rainbow this afternoon at 4:00pm for Bob Boehm. The Boehm family appreciates the kind and compassionate care Bob received at the University of Kansas Hospital. In lieu of flowers, they suggest a donation to the KU Hospital Burn Center or Palliative Care Team. Bob and Helen were grateful to Rainbow Mennonite Church for providing financial support to their two daughters who attended Mennonite colleges, and also suggest donations to the Rainbow College Scholarship Fund to honor Bob (please note "College Grant Fund" in the memo line).

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were sent to Mom (Ann Showalter's) memorial service. She loved roses and would have been delighted with the arrangement. We have also been grateful for all the cards, memorial gifts and other expressions of sympathy during this time of grief. ~ Blessings, Robert and Krista Kaufman

This Morning at Rainbow

Worship 9:30am

WorshipArts (K – 5th Grade) 10:30 – 10:55am (Rainbow Room)

Sunday School for all ages 10:50 – 11:45am (Adult class options listed on back)

December 15th will be the final week that the Sunday School offering for Camp Mennoscah will be collected.

Announcements

Notice from the Rainbow Safety Committee: The East Doors will be continue to be locked at the start of the 9:30am worship service. A sign is placed on the East doors alerting all who arrive after 9:30am to go to the West doors, which will remain unlocked all morning. Please note that we will re-evaluate this plan in January, after this initial trial period. Members of the Safety Team include Dale Graham, Steven Cress, Barbara Baumgartner, Darin Kaufman, Dick Tatro and Carrie Parsons.

Church Work Day on Saturday, December 7 – Volunteers Needed!

- Join us for our annual leaf clean-up day in Whitmore playground! We'll gather on Saturday, December 7 at 8am for a fun morning of raking leaves together. We have some rakes, but we encourage you to bring your own rake and container to transport leaves to the disposal area. See you on the playground! ~ The Playground Committee
- As we look forward to the Advent season, we are asking for volunteers to help decorate our sanctuary, entrances and fellowship hall on Saturday, December 7, from 9 to 11am. There will be heavy wreaths to hang, trees to put up, garlands to fluff, and ornaments for little ones to decorate for the fellowship hall tree. You can choose your preference of tasks and no particular decorating skills are necessary. We always have fun with this joyful event. Juice and goodies will be provided. We need lots of busy hands to get it all done in 2 fun-filled hours! Thank you!! ~ The Visual Arts Committee

RMC Sunday School parents--Rainbow's Sunday School students are currently working on a unique project for this year's Christmas Program. Over the next several weeks, students will be working with Paul Zehr, Christina Hofer, and Eliot Hartzler to create a zany fusion of recorded audio and theatrical pantomime.

- During Sunday School hour, K-5 students will be involved in recording on this morning and Jr and Sr or High Youth will be rehearsing a stage adaptation of that audio on 11/24, 12/8, and 12/15.
- The performance will be on 12/15 at 5:00pm. We would love to have as many children participate as possible! For any questions or concerns, please see Paul Zehr or Christina Hofer.

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Stewardship Updates:

- We finished the month of October with a year-to-date net loss of about \$13.1K, with contributions about \$4K ahead of budget. In order to break even for 2019, it is estimated that we will need \$90.2K in contributions in the final 6 weeks of the year, or about \$15K per Sunday beginning 11/24. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you.
- 2020 budget requests were sent out to committees recently. 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.

Staff News

Mark Bartholomew is out of the office until December 1. Sarah Neher will be out of the office November 27- Dec 1. The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 28 & 29.

Youth News

Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3pm, Jr & Sr High Christmas Lock-in,

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 8:30am, Jr & Sr High Breakfast, Peppernut fundraiser

Sunday, Dec. 15th, Christmas Program, 5pm

Sr high youth are invited to attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp February 14-16. The weekend will be full of singing, worshipping, tubing, boom hockey, and beautiful scenery around the camp. The youth will be responsible for a \$25 deposit (due Dec 1) and will need to provide money for two meals and a sack lunch. If the deposit is a barrier for a youth attending or you have questions please talk with Sarah Neher! For more details see <https://rmmc.org/senior-high-snow-camp>

Community Events

Join us on Tuesday, December 3 for the Next Chapter KC forum as we welcome storyteller and teaching artist, Joyce Slater. Joyce is the President of Missouri Storytelling, Inc. She is also the former Executive Director of the River and Prairie Storyweavers and the Artistic Director of the KC Storytelling Celebration. She is the recipient of two Oracle Awards from the National Storytelling Network. The forum will be held at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. There is no charge. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information. Next Chapter Kansas City is a program of Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas and partner organizations. Our church is a Sponsoring Congregation of Shepherd's Center of KCK.

November 17, 2019

Attendance.....	175
Visitors (included in attendance count)	11
General Fund	\$ 6,788.00
Other Donations	\$ 437.31
Total Offering	\$ 7,225.31

This Week

Sunday	Nov 24	Peace & Social Justice Meeting	11:45am
		Youth Sponsor Meeting	12:00pm
		Funeral for Bob Boehm	4:00pm
Monday	Nov 25	SCR Board Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Nov 26	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Thursday	Nov 28	Church Office Closed – Thanksgiving	
Friday	Nov 29	Church Office Closed – Thanksgiving	

Next Week

Tuesday	Dec 3	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 4	Women’s Luncheon (7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	11:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Dec 7	Playground Work Day	8:00am
		Advent Decorating	9:00am
		Youth Lock-in	3:00pm

Fall Quarter Adult Education Class Options:

The Nickel Boys, a novel by Colson Whitehead

Facilitator: Dale Graham, Library

The View of Life: Completing the Darwinian Revolution, by David Sloan Wilson

Facilitators: Darrell Wiens and Phillip Rhoads, Sunflower Room

Thirty True Things Everyone Needs to Know Now, by Leroy Seat

Facilitators: Clif Hostetler and Leroy Seat, Room 111

Worship and Sermon Discussion

Rotating Facilitators, Wesley Room