

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

January 5, 2020

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 **Jimmy Griffin and Mitch Kaufman**. Greeters are **Dick and Brenda Tatro**. 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 **Barbara Baumgartner, Leah Schwarz and Madeline Bollinger**. Closing Trustee is **Scott Weast**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for Ben and Grace Parker Sutter and their extended family as they grieve the recent loss of Ben's grandmother whose funeral was held yesterday.

Lia Uhlenhuth's surgery went as planned last week. She is recovering well, however is in a lot of pain and dealing with swelling. She has been amazingly strong and brave through it all. Lia and Karen are thankful for the prayers and support showed by the community.

Lori Lichty underwent a successful complete hysterectomy surgery last week. She will be recovering at home for the next eight weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

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 below)

Why Religion?: A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels ~ Facilitator: Kenn Goertz

The Wisdom of the Desert by Thomas Merton ~ Facilitators: Jude & Sharon McCulley

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery at Rainbow ~ Facilitator: Ben Parker Sutter

Next Doors Strangers ~ Facilitators: Bob Campbell & Philip Rhoads

Announcements

Attention committee chairs! Annual reports are due in the office by 9am tomorrow morning, January 6. Please email your report to office@rainbowmennonite.org in word doc format or within the body of the email.

Thank you to all who made the Rainbow Christmas Program a wonderful experience, despite the weather! Many people helped make it happen. A particular "shout out" to Christina Hofer, Paul Zehr, and Eliot Hartzler who offered the vision and the expertise to organize the recording and acting with the kids. In addition, just over \$700 was contributed to support the Deacons' Fund.

Stewardship Update: As of 12/29/19, we are forecasting that we will come out slightly ahead of expenses with a roughly \$2,000 surplus for 2019. Many thanks to the whole congregation for their generosity in the past few weeks of the year.

What goes up must come down and it will soon be time to pack away the Christmas decorations. Please join in the fun on Saturday, January 11 from 9am to 11am. With your great help, the garlands and trees always "go down" much faster than they "go up." All ages welcome. Questions? Contact Jan Buerge for the Visual Arts Committee.

Save the date! Our annual business meeting will be January 26, 2020 following a soup fundraiser put on by Rainbow's youth.

Sunday School Offering: The children and youth's offering for Camp Mennoscah raised \$83.98 this fall! Faith Formation Board will add additional money from the Sunday School Project fund to send a total of \$500. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Children's Advent Candles There are extra Advent candles that were given during the Conversation with Children. If you missed a week help yourselves to the extras on the table in the Wesley Room.

Youth News

Tonight! Ice Skating at Crown Center, 6-8 pm

Sunday, Jan. 12, Jr. High Winter Retreat, 12-7:30 pm

Saturday, Jan. 18-19th, Senior High Winter Retreat, 9:30 am

Sunday, Jan. 19th, Junior High Breakfast, 8:30 am

Sunday, Jan. 26th, Soup Fundraiser, 8:30 am

Staff Updates

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office January 10-12.

Community Events

Sarah Neher will be providing a donation-based yoga class to the Rosedale community on Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning on January 9. Classes will be held in the Rosedale Development Association Community Room (the space east of their offices). The Outreach Committee has donated a couple of yoga mats and other props. You are asked to bring a mat if you have one and a full-sized towel or sturdy blanket. The intention is for this to be an opportunity for Rainbow to further connect with the neighborhood as we nourish our bodies and souls! Contact Sarah if you have additional questions.

On Tuesday, January 28, Marci Penner will present "Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas -- An Author Talk" at the West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd St, KCKS from 6 to 7:30 pm. Marci and co-author Wendee Roe traveled to over 626 incorporated cities in Kansas to research for *The Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers*. This is the first Next Chapter KC forum for 2020. More information will be in the Rainbow News mid-week email or you may contact Karen Hostetler.

December 29, 2019

Attendance.....	80
Visitors (included in attendance count)	10
General Fund	\$ 22,340.02
Other Donations	\$ 233.98
Total Offering	\$ 25,574.00
Online Giving for December 2019	\$ 15,745.10

This Week

Sunday	Jan 5	Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:45am
		Youth Group Ice Skating	6:00pm
Monday	Jan 6	Annual Reports Due	9:00am
		Deacons' Meeting	5:45pm
Tuesday	Jan 7	Staff First Aid Training	9:00am
		Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jan 8	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan 9	Trustees' Meeting	7:00pm
		Peace and Social Justice Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jan 11	Christmas Decoration Clean Up	9:00am

Next Week

Sunday	Jan 12	Jr High Winter Retreat	12:00pm
Tuesday	Jan 14	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		RDA Rise Training	5:30pm
Wednesday	Jan 15	Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Saturday	Jan 18	Sr High Winter Retreat	9:00am
		KC Civic Orchestra Young Artist	
		Concerto Auditions	10:00am