

# RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

*Part of the Sharing Community in Rosedale*

Newsnotes — November 8, 2009

**Good Morning!** Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances.

**Our ushers today are Kent Moore, Jana Graham, Will Moore and Andrew Moore. Our greeters are John and Jan Albertson.** Please check with one of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or if you have questions about locations of Sunday school classes or restrooms.

**Nursery** — a nursery located on the second floor of the education wing is provided during church and Sunday school for children three years of age and younger. **Today's nursery workers are Cynthia and Darin Kaufman and Abby Banning.**

## This Week\*

Sun	Nov 8	MVS Board meeting	12:00pm
Tues	Nov 10	Head Start (Fellowship Hall)	4:30pm
		Family Game Night	6:00pm
Wed	Nov 11	Choir practice (dinner @ 6:30pm)	7:00pm
Thurs	Nov 12	Deacons meeting	7:00pm
Sat	Nov 14	Whitmore Park – leaf raking day	8:00am
		Rainbow Quilters	9:00pm
		Bishop's Roundup (Cross-Lines Christmas Store)	1:00pm
Sun	Nov 15	Wiebe Baby Shower (3808 Genessee, KCMO)	2:00pm
Wed	Nov 18	Choir practice (dinner @ 6:30pm)	7:00pm
Thurs	Nov 19	Church Council meeting	7:00pm

\*See the complete church calendar at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org).

In order to allow everyone to have a voice regarding **proposals to change Rainbow Mennonite Church's structure**, please fill out an Opinion Poll regarding Recommendation #1 from the Task Force on Rainbow Mennonite Church Structure. The proposed changes and the opinion poll can be found on the church website in the password protected documents. We have had a large amount of feedback already, but we want to reach everyone. The task force documents and recommendations are available on the church web site at [www.rainbowmennonite.org](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org). Please return completed polls to Jonathan Bollinger or Carmen Shelly no later than November 8.

Gerald Voth, a member of this congregation for more than 40 years, surprised us all with the announcement of his anticipated marriage and his impending move to Washington state. Gerald made the move before most of us even had a chance to say goodbye! You are invited to sign a card, provided by the Deacons, for Gerald and his bride. If you'd like, you may add a gift (by cash or check, payable to Rainbow Mennonite Church). We'll combine the money into one gift and send it in time for the wedding this Saturday.

Thank you all for your concerns and best wishes through cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and prayers this past week. I am recovering nicely at home from a total right knee replacement.

—Bonnie Beachey

**Budget Planning for 2010:** The Stewardship Committee is currently very involved in getting input from all committees on budgets for 2010. Our current suggestion is to expect a 10% reduction in budgets for next year. Committee chairs should have received budget information by now. Please work with your committee to devise your budgets so that they can be submitted to the Stewardship Committee by December 1. The budgets are then reviewed and prepared for the church council and, hopefully, published before the annual meeting in January where the Rainbow Budget 2010 will be approved. If you have concerns about the budget that you feel may not be addressed in any other manner, please forward them to Lonnie Buerge, Chair. Above all, please remember the committee in your thoughts and prayers as they work to prepare for next year.

**As we approach the holiday season, the Stewardship Committee asks that you please keep the budgetary needs of the church in your giving plans.**

Join us for **Family Game Night** on Tuesday, November 10, from 6:00 – 8:00pm, in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a fun evening of pizza and games with the families of Freedom School children. Sponsored by the Outreach Committee, this is a great opportunity to interact with families in the Rosedale neighborhood. We need adults willing to help the kids play the board games. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rachel Hostetler at rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org or at 913.236.8820 or so we know how much pizza to order.

The **Rainbow Quilters** will meet this Saturday, November 14, at 9:00am at the church to work on two projects; hand tying a quilt and machine sewing blocks for the next quilt. Please join in the fun as well as contributing to these service projects. All hands welcome!

**Come enjoy leaves, hot chocolate, apple cider and doughnuts** at Whitmore Playground on Saturday, November 14 at 8:00am. Bring your family and friends and join us for a leaf raking day. Bring rakes, leaf vacuums and brooms. Bring bags if you wish to take home some leaves for your garden. Many hands make less work in less time!! —The Playground Committee

There will be a **baby shower for Emily and Jon Wiebe** next Sunday, November 15, from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the home of Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart. They are registered at Target and Babies ‘R’ Us.

The Worship Arts committee seeks your "**ready for the dumpster**" **flip-flops**...purpose to be revealed during the advent season. Place them in the basket by the mailboxes. Thank you.

The Worship Committee invites children, youth, and adults to **create artwork for the Advent bulletins**. Blank templates are in the Wesley Room; completed artwork should be placed in the office mailbox (on the bottom, near the left). Please include the artist’s full name on the back so that original artwork may be returned.

Thinking about joining one of the **Adult Education classes**? Here’s a synopsis of the books they’re reading right now:

*Home Town Tales* – Stories from a place that feels like home.

*The Omnivore's Dilemma* – What should we eat? What am I eating? Where in the world does it come from?

*The Passion of Artemisia* – An engaging novel about Artemisia Gentileschi, a talented woman painter who lived in 17<sup>th</sup> century Italy. Her relationships and art are compelling.

*When Faith Meets Reason* – What happens to faith when the creeds and confessions can no longer be squared with historical and empirical evidence?

**Leyva Fund:** RMC has made efforts to cover schooling for the Leyva boys, members of our church, who were deported to Colombia. Costs for the coming school year are due November 30. We hope to cover tuition and fees for Andres, who is beginning his senior high school year and Santiago who will be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If you would like to help us cover the cost of the boys' tuition, a flyer with more information is available on the table in the Wesley Room. Please contact Sallie Page-Goertz if you have questions.

**Cross-Lines Christmas Store:**

- Cross-Lines Sunday: We'll begin collecting contributions for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store on November 22. In addition to your cash contributions for food, bring new or gently used children's coats, and mittens or gloves, particularly men's gloves. Checks may be payable Rainbow Mennonite Church and designated 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store,' or cash may be put in an envelope with 'Cross-Lines Christmas Store' written on the outside.
- The Kansas East Conference of United Methodist Churches holds an annual Bishops' Roundup of donated food and other items. **We need volunteers to unload and begin sorting these items** this Saturday, November 14, from 1:00 – 4:00pm, at the Cross-Lines Christmas Store (6535 State Ave, Kansas City, KS).

Please contact Dennis or Annie Jones or Becky Bartel for details about either of these great opportunities.

Rainbow Mennonite Church will be hosting the annual **Rosedale Thanksgiving worship service** this year. Sponsored by the Rosedale Ministerial Alliance, the ecumenical service will be on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00pm and features music from several church choirs. We invite everyone to come give thanks and celebrate with our Rosedale neighbors.

**Rosedale Feed-a-Family:** The annual Feed-a-Family program, sponsored by Rosedale Development Association and Rosedale Ministerial Alliance, will be held in November this year. Seniors and families in our Rosedale neighborhood who need a little extra help receive a Thanksgiving gift basket with an assortment of food and household items. Small groups, families, and individuals are invited to participate in this outreach program by making a cash donation, sponsoring a complete basket for a family or donating non-perishable food items. Below is the list of items included in each basket. If you would like to bring your donations to church, there will be a box in the Wesley Room and outside the west sanctuary doors; donations should be brought to church by November 15 or can be delivered by November 19 to the RDA office (1403 SW Blvd). For more information, please contact Rachel Hostetler at 913.236.8820 or at [rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:rachelh@rainbowmennonite.org).

Canned Vegetables	Oven Bags	Macaroni & Cheese	Soup
Stuffing mix	Aluminum Foil	Peanut Butter	Crackers
Cornbread/Muffin mix	Aluminum baking pans	Jelly/Jam	Cereal
Potatoes	Canned fruit	Cranberry Sauce	Toilet paper
Sweet Potatoes	Applesauce	Cake/Cookie Mix	Dish Soap
Rice/Dried Beans	Jell-O/Instant pudding	Frosting	Bath Soap