

*Rainbow Mennonite Church*  
*Part of the Sharing Community in Rosedale*  
*Newsnotes —November 30, 2008*

**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 Todd and Claire Zehner.** Please check with one of them if you need assistance with seating, if you 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 workers are Heidi Braun, Todd McAtee and Jamie Becker.**

**This Week\***

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| Wed       | Dec 3 | Choir practice (dinner @ 6:30) | 7:00pm |
| Dec 1 - 6 |       | Cross-Lines Christmas Store    |        |

**Next Week\***

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| Sun   | Dec 7  | Open Table Discussion – Staffing | 11:45am |
| Wed   | Dec 10 | Choir practice (dinner @ 6:30)   | 7:00pm  |
| Thurs | Dec 11 | Deacons Meeting                  | 7:00pm  |
| Sat   | Dec 13 | Christmas Program rehearsal      | 10:00am |

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

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This morning Arlie and Sue Regier will light the candles on the Sculpture to light our way this Advent Season. Arlie and their son, Paul, created this sculpture for us to enjoy in 1977. As you enter the sanctuary this Advent Season may the warmth of the candlelight draw you into fellowship and meditation.

The **theme for Advent** this year is *Release & Embrace*. The Worship Committee invites you to consider what you could release or embrace in order to experience more fully the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy of this Christmas season. The traditional **lighting of the Advent Sculpture** will take place during today's worship service; on subsequent Sundays, the lighted Advent Sculpture will greet us as we enter the sanctuary for the worship service.

The nursery is looking for **youth volunteers!** If you would like to spend an occasional Sunday assisting and playing with little ones during church, we would love to have you help out. Upper-elementary through high school ages welcome. Please contact Michelle Beachey.

We know there have been lots of **photos taken of the organ**, from renovation through installation. If you have photos to share, please send them to [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org) or put CDs in the office mailbox. We hope to document the process and the people who helped make it possible. Thank you!

Rainbow volunteers will be serving at the **Willa Gill food kitchen** (downtown Kansas City, Kan.) on Friday, December 5. We still need more volunteers from 10:30am – 1:00pm. Sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship this Sunday or contact Jana Graham.

The Worship Committee invites children, youth, and adults to **create artwork for Advent bulletins**. Blank templates are in the Wesley Room; completed artwork can be left in the office mailbox. Include the artist's full name on the back if you would like artwork returned.

Our church will again participate **Rosedale Feed-a-Family** program, which assists needy families and seniors during the holiday season. Children's Sunday school classes are invited to bring non-perishable food items to church on December 7 and 14. Small groups can participate by contributing food, gift basket items, cash donations, or by "adopting" an entire family. For more information, contact Joel Smith Goering or see the flyer in the Wesley Room.

Attention **Youth Group** - Our December "meeting" will be working at the Cross-Lines Christmas Store on Saturday, December 6. We will be working from 9:00am – 1:00pm, so please sign up with Natasha to work either 9:00 – 11:00am or 11:00am – 1:00pm. We will gather at Jennifer's house and carpool from there. Call one of the sponsors with questions.

**Winter quarter Adult Ed classes** start December 7. Registration forms are available at both entrances to the church - sign up soon!

**Service Trip Meeting** - The Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Committee will hold a *brief* interest/informational meeting about the proposed service trip to the Gulf Coast next spring on **Sunday, December 14 at 11:45am**, immediately following Sunday school. We are tentatively scheduled to work at the Cameron, La. project site the week of March 15-21, 2009, helping to rebuild and repair homes damaged by Hurricanes Rita and Ike. Costs should be under \$200 per person. If you have any interest in participating, please plan to attend this important meeting. Questions? Contact Gary Kaufman.

A hearty note of thanks to all the wonderful folks who helped decorate the church for Advent. We had a group of around 20 in ages from 4 - 85 who willingly took on all the tasks we gave them. The tree in the Fellowship Hall is decorated thanks to the combined efforts of some earnest youngsters along with some helpful adults. Welcome to the season of Advent! —The Visual Arts Committee

The Youth Group will host a **bake sale** on Sunday, December 14, following the church service. Youth group members are encouraged to bring lots of goodies, but we will also need contributions from other members of the church. Proceeds will be split between the parking lot fund and the youth trip fund.

The MVS Support Board is seeking to fill the position of **Local Program Coordinator** (LPC) for the Rainbow-sponsored Kansas City unit. This paid position provides administrative/communication support for the unit. To inquire, contact Eugene Suter or Emily Smith Goering.

#### **Adult Electives class locations**

Bible Study: Images of Jesus .....Sanctuary  
Jesus:...Religious Revolutionary .....Sunflower Room  
New Testament Study (DVD Series) ..... Room 110  
The Curious Incident...(Novel) ..... Wesley Room  
Threat of Life: Sermons on Pain... .....Library

#### **Children's Sunday School class locations**

Nursery .....Room 119  
3-5 year olds.....Room 116  
Primary (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)..... Room 113  
Middler (Grades 3-5).....Room 111  
Grades 6-8..... Upstairs North  
High School ..... Upstairs South