

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 1, 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 **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeters are **Sammy Stayton and Dan Duncan**. 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 **Karla Leuenberg, Karen and Lia Uhlenhuth**. Closing Trustee is **Duane Krehbiel**.

Remembering in Prayer...

The rose this morning is for Arthur James Perisho-Dunn, born 11/24 at 11:52 pm, weighing 4lbs 14 oz and 18 inches long. *Induction at 35 weeks was indicated due to my fairly recent development of pre-eclampsia; he's being monitored in the NICU due to his late pre-term status, but all initial assessments of how he's coping are very positive. We consider ourselves so blessed to be able to raise him at Rainbow. ~ Rachel Perisho and Phil Dunn*

Jacob Jackson Lichty was born to parents Tolan and Brandi Lichty on 11/23/19, weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. and 20 ½ inches long. Special congratulations to grandparents Kent & Lori Lichty.

This Morning at Rainbow

Worship 9:30am

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

Second Hour 10:50am – 11:45am

- Introduction to Advent /Liturgical Year led by Ruth Harder in the Sanctuary
- Sunday School for Children and Youth
December 15th will be the final week that the Sunday School offering for Camp Mennoscah will be collected.

Announcements

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

- Join us for our annual leaf clean-up day in Whitmore playground! Please meet at 8am this Saturday for to rake leaves together. We encourage you to bring a rake and container to transport leaves to the disposal area. ~ The Playground Committee
- Join us as we decorate our sanctuary, entrances and Fellowship Hall this Saturday, 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. Juice and goodies will be provided. 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.

- During Sunday School hour, K-5 students will be involved in recording this morning and Jr and Sr or High Youth will be rehearsing a stage adaptation of that audio on 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.

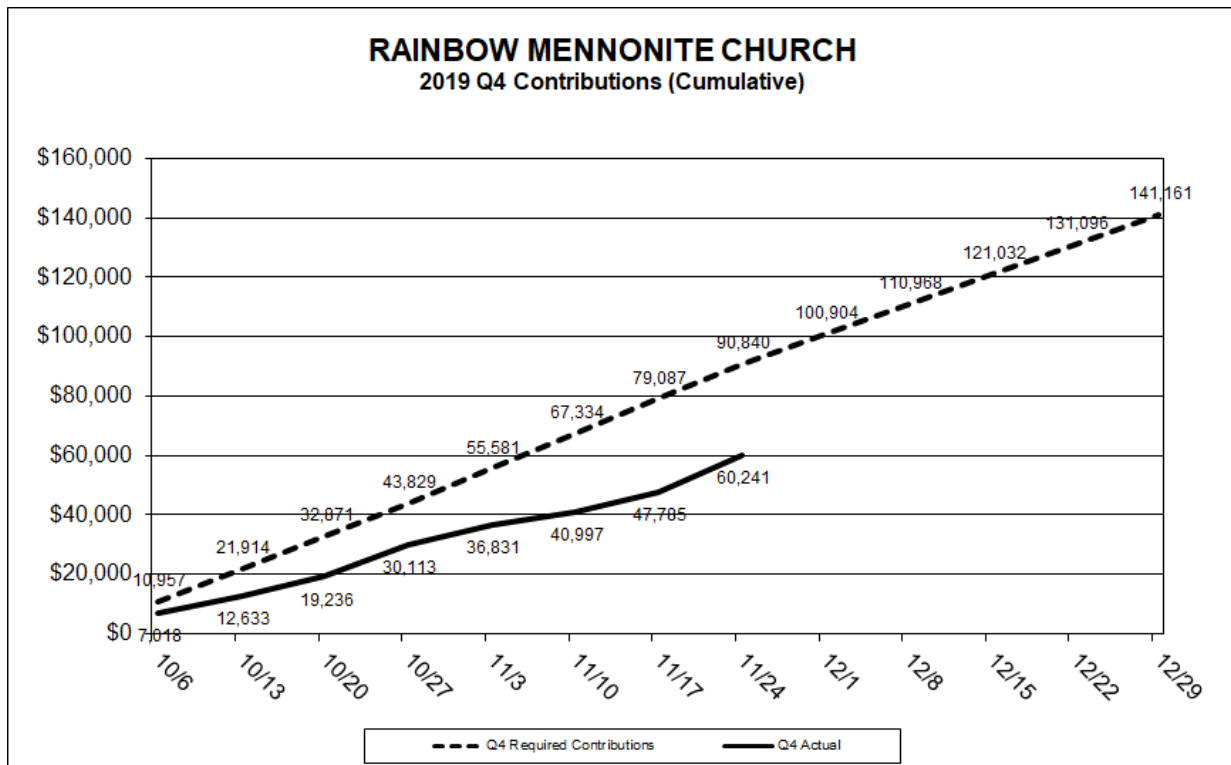
On rare occasions the RMC Deacons and Church Council have to make tough decisions regarding a difficult congregational situation. A communication regarding a recent process involving the Personnel Committee, Deacons, and Church Council is available in the church office. Please contact Carrie, Church Administrator, if you want a copy of this communication.

Advent 2019

- Thank you to everyone who donated peanut butter, canned tuna, and pancake/biscuit mix for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store. There is still time to sign up to volunteer to assist individuals with grocery shopping during the week of December 9 from 1-4 pm.
- A Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols will be held December 24 at 6pm.
- Christmas music sharing opportunity! During the second hour on Sunday, December 22, all are invited to the sanctuary for a time of Christmas music sharing. All ages, types of performers and listeners are welcome. We will end our time together on the 22nd with some caroling around the neighborhood

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Stewardship Update: As of 11/24/19, we are forecasting that we will require \$80.9K in contributions in the final 5 weeks of the year to meet our 2019 commitment to fund all the missions of the church and break even for the year. This averages out to \$16.2K per Sunday beginning 12/1. The chart below illustrates our actual vs. needed giving during the 4th quarter. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you.



Staff News

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office this week. If pastoral support is needed, please contact the deacon on call, Sallie Page-Goertz.

Youth News

Saturday, Dec. 7th, Youth lock-in. Starting at 3pm the youth will make peppernuts for the annual sale! *Each youth is expected to bring a batch of peppernut dough rolled and frozen.* If you have any questions or need a recipe, don't hesitate to contact Sarah!

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

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

Due Today! 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 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>

Next Chapter KC

Join us on Tuesday, December 3 as we welcome storyteller and teaching artist, Joyce Slater. Joyce is the President of Missouri Storytelling, Inc. and the former Executive Director of the River and Prairie Storyweavers and the Artistic Director of the KC Storytelling Celebration. Location: West Wyandotte Library, 1737 No. 82nd St, KCKS. Contact Karen Hostetler for more information.

November 24, 2019

Attendance.....	145
Visitors (included in attendance count)	9
General Fund	\$ 8,490.00
Other Donations	\$ 335.00
Total Offering	\$ 8,825.00

This Week

Tuesday	Dec 2	Deacons' Meeting	5:45pm
	Dec 3	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 4	Women's Luncheon 11:00am (7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		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

Next Week

Sunday	Dec 8	Jr & Sr High Breakfast	8:30am
		Youth Peppernut Sale	10:30am
		Faith Formation Board Meeting	11:50am
Monday	Dec 9	Cross-Lines Christmas Store Opens	
Tuesday	Dec 10	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 11	Rainbow Quilters	9:00am
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Dec 12	Safety Team Meeting	6:00pm
		Trustees Meeting	7:00pm