

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

December 8, 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 **Jerry Jantz and Jimmy Griffin**. Greeters are **Laura Schmidt and Peggy Coriell**. 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 **Kelsy and Jake Allison, Abigail Gritman**. Closing Trustee is **David Becker**.

Remembering in Prayer...

Please pray for Mark Bartholomew following his unexpected hospitalization last week during which a catheter procedure was done to successfully repair an electrical issue found in his heart.

This Morning at Rainbow



Advent 2, A Way Through—Peace

Worship 9:30am

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

Second Hour 10:50am – 11:45am

- Join Pastor Ruth and others to reflect on various Advent practices or traditions that inspire hope, peace, joy, and love. We will meet in the Rainbow Room (next to Fellowship Hall Kitchen).
- Youth Peppernut Sale in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School for Children and Youth
December 15th will be the final week that the Sunday School offering for Camp Mennoscah will be collected.

A Way Through ADVENT 2019

“Prepare the way of the Lord,” cried prophet John in the wilderness, echoing the prophet Isaiah’s cry centuries earlier: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” -Isaiah 40: 3-4.

It’s no wonder early followers of Jesus were known as the **People of the Way** (Acts 9:2). From the earliest of times, wending the path pioneered by Jesus consisted of lives built on transformative practices of **hope, peace, joy, and love in the world**. These practices have included forming countercultural communities of economic sharing or mutual aid, participatory worship, scripture study, compassion for society’s most vulnerable, and subversion of the idolatries of the empire. This is the ancient path that calls us as we anticipate and celebrate Jesus’ arrival, an arrival that has already happened, and yet is always on its way.



Advent 3, December 15: *A Way Through—Joy*

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146, James 5:7-10, Luke 1:39-56

2nd hour: Christmas program rehearsal and sharing stories of embodied hope, peace, joy, and love then a Christmas program at 5pm



Advent 4, December 22: *A Way Through—Love*

Isaiah 7:10-17, Psalm 80:1-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

2nd hour: Sharing Christmas music by and for all ages in the Sanctuary, followed by outside caroling around the neighborhood



Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 6pm

A contemplative service of lessons and carols

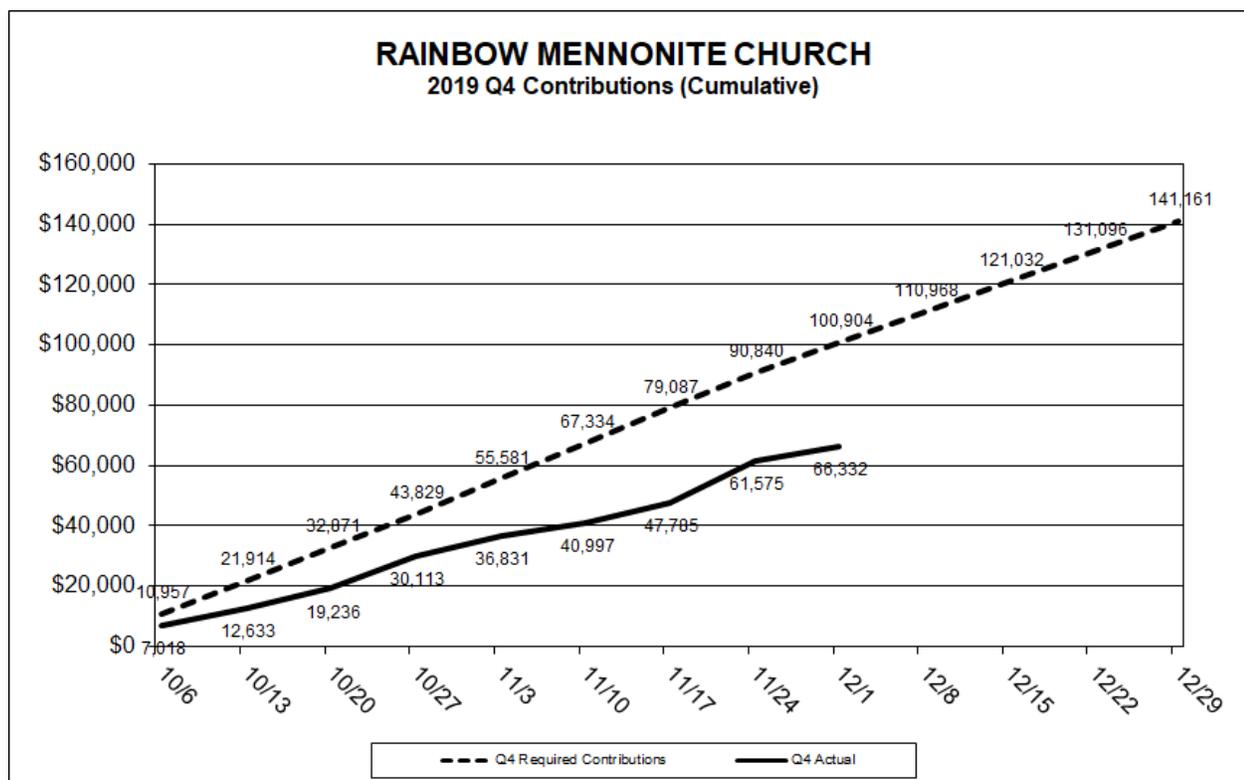
Rainbow's children and youth are working on a unique drama project for this year's Christmas Program on December 15 at 5:00pm.

- Jr and Sr High Youth will be rehearsing today in Sunday School until 12:30.
- A dress rehearsal for preschool through high school, WorshipArts, bell choir, Rainbow strings, and adult choir, will be next Sunday, 12/15, during the Sunday School hour.
- We would love to have as many children participate as possible! If you have any questions or concerns, please see Paul Zehr or Christina Hofer.
- The social committee asks that we bring treats to share for a time of fellowship after the Christmas program.

Announcements

If you are interested in subscribing to *The Mennonite*, or if you would like to stop receiving this publication, please contact the office so your name can be added to or removed from Rainbow's subscription. Please email office@rainbowmennonite.org.

Stewardship Update: As of 12/1/19, we are forecasting that we will require \$74.8K in contributions in the final 4 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 \$18.7K per Sunday beginning 12/8. 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.



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.

Youth News

This morning, 8:30am, Jr & Sr High Breakfast, Peppernut fundraiser
Sunday, Dec. 15th, Christmas Program, 5pm

December 1, 2019

Attendance.....	114
Visitors (included in attendance count)	4
General Fund	\$ 4,757.00
Other Donations	\$ 385.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,142.00

This 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

Next Week

Sunday	Dec 15	Playground Committee Meeting	11:45am
		Christmas Program	5:00pm
Tuesday	Dec 17	Staff Meeting	1:00pm
		RDA Annual Meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 18	Women's Luncheon	11:00am
		(7936 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS)	
		Choir Meal	6:15pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Dec 19	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm