

**October 24, 2021**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Faith Formation 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

Karen Goering Hosteter, pianist

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Jeff Shelly, worship leader

**HYMN VT 34**

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

*Due to Covid restrictions, please hum. Accompanist will play 3 times.*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

**MOMENT OF WONDER**

Sarah Neher

**SCRIPTURE/TEACHING**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ruth Harder

Carol Buller and Jeff Shelly, readers

**ANTHEM**

*The Heav'ns Resounding*

Overby/Beethoven

Quartet: Jonathan Bollinger, Joel Bollinger, Mitch Kaufman, Stan Buller

The heav'ns resounding God's glory eternal, and all creation, praise one God.  
The earth and the ocean God's love and devotion, God's truth and pow'r proclaim abroad!  
And angels sing of God's glory incarnate, Incarnate the Son of Man, yet King of kings.  
The hosts re-echo, all praise and thanksgiving,  
O holy God and King divine, shall now and evermore be Thine.

**WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

**OFFERING**

## SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time.*

## SHARING CONCERNS

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely. Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. They may be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

## PRAYING TOGETHER

*Please hum refrain when indicated:*



## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

## POSTLUDE

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### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

October 24 – Sunday (today)

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM
- Fellowship in the parking lot 10:30 AM
- Faith Formation Hour 10:50 AM
- Quilt Sale 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Mentor Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 PM
- Rainbow Strings 1:00 PM

October 25 – Monday

- Bible Study 5:00 PM
- Playground Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

October 26 - Tuesday

- Comforter Blitz 10:00 – 4:00 PM
- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM

October 27 – Wednesday

- Choir Rehearsal 6:45 PM

October 28 – Thursday

- Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, Oct. 31st- Intergenerational Graveyard Fun, 11:45 am - 2:00 pm

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## CARING NOTES

- Gary Long's younger brother Greg passed away recently, succumbing to leukemia. A memorial will be held at Rainbow at a time yet to be determined.
- Fran Otto is requesting prayers for healing and support as her mother prepares for a transition to the next world. Due to age and health concerns, they will be providing comfort. Fran has become her advocate, interpreter, and guider for the rest of the family.
- Beck Bartel is grateful for all the wonderful cards and visits she has been receiving, especially when the choir came to her rehab center to sing outside. It was a bit of heaven.

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## FAITH FORMATION HOUR 10:50 AM

Adult class: Carmen Shelly will lead our next class starting Sunday, October 17th through Sunday, December 5th. [\*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again\*](#) by Rachel Held Evans

Our author admits that she has fallen in and out of love with the Bible and its stories from her childhood. Those stories don't answer all of life's questions in the way she once believed they did. However, she wants us to love the Bible and its stories from an adult perspective - to set aside the childhood magic, embrace the complications and still find our truth.

While Rachel Held Evans counts biblical scholars as her mentors, she is a storyteller and literature lover. We will encounter everything from poetry to a screenplay in our journey through R.H.E.'s book, *Inspired*.

For more information on the book, the author and schedule of reading assignments, click [here](#). The book is available on Amazon.com. The Kindle version is \$9.99 and a paperback copy is \$13.49. If you have difficulty obtaining a book, contact Dale Graham ([dnlgraham@gmail.com](mailto:dnlgraham@gmail.com) or 913-721-3087) and he will get a copy for you.

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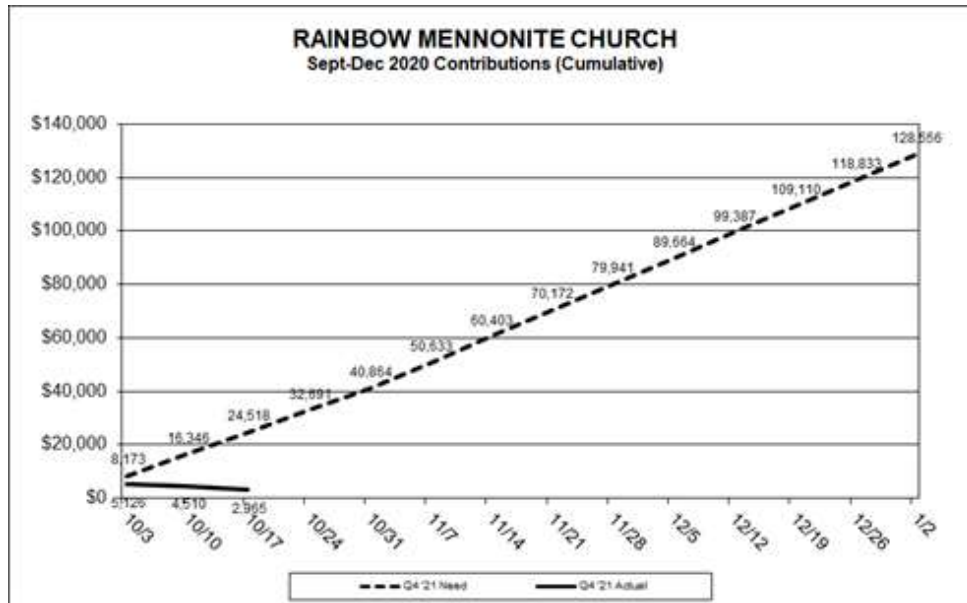
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Intergenerational Graveyard Fun-** Sunday, October 31st the congregation is invited to join in on some autumn fun. We will gather in the north parking lot after faith formation hour for pumpkin decorating, picnic lunch, and Ruth will share her experience exploring cemeteries. Those interested will then make their way to Maple Hill Cemetery for their own exploration.

It takes the diverse gifts of the Rainbow community to support the ministry and mission of the Church. Each year we ask the Rainbow community to fill out the **Gifts Discernment Survey** to help connect congregants to the work of the church. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the [survey](#) before Sunday October 31st!



**Stewardship Update:** As of 10/17/21, we are forecasting that we will require \$116K in contributions in the final 11 weeks of the year to meet our 2021 commitment to fund all the missions of the church and break even for the year. This is after counting the \$44.7K PPP loan forgiveness as income. Based on this, our average need per Sunday beginning 10/24 is \$10.5K. The chart below illustrates our actual vs. needed giving during Q4 2021. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you.



**The Sharing Community in Rosedale History Committee (SCR)**, with approval from RMC Church Council, is very pleased to announce that it has contracted with Dorothy Nickel Friesen to research and write the history of SCR. In January of this year, the SCR Board approached Church Council to see if RMC would be willing to manage a history project that would be supported with funds provided by SCR. Additional information was shared at the October 17 congregational meeting. Committee members are Peggy Coriell, Keith Jantz, Laura Schmidt, Karen Hostetler, chair, and Ruth Harder, staff.

The **Rainbow Piecemakers** are hosting a Comforter Blitz – they will spend a day with at least 4 frames constantly being used, knotting as many comforters as they can. It will be on Tuesday, October 26 and everyone is invited to this event. You can come for a couple minutes, an hour or however long, it will be from 10:00 – 4:00 pm.

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