

November 21, 2021

Worship 9:30am

Faith Formation 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Leroy Seat, worship leader

HYMN VT 124

For the Fruit of All Creation

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Gail Goeke

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7

ANTHEM

Maya's Prayer for Peace

Angelou/Trenney

TEACHING

Ruth Harder

HYMN VT 715

Longing for Light

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

OFFERTORY

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

HYMN VT 808

Between Darkness and Light

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Anthem text: *Maya's Prayer for Peace* Text by Maya Angelou

Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days, for then we have you to lean upon. Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days, for then we can share that which we have with those who have less. Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the holy days, for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends. Father, Mother, God, thank you.

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak. For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour out your love in waterfalls of tenderness. For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in your river of healing. For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company. For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope! Father, Mother, God, you, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give all the world that which we need the most: Peace.

CARING NOTES

- Gary Long and family will host a memorial service/celebration of life for Gary's brother Greg on Monday, November 22 at 10:00 am. RMC is invited to show its support through prayer and/or attendance (in person or live-stream).
- Dick and Brenda Tatro's daughter Teri Yoder who lives in Chicago is recovering from emergency brain surgery. The family thanks us for our prayers.

FAITH FORMATION HOUR 10:50 AM

K-5th, Rainbow Room (at the bottom of the east stairs to the left)

Jr. High (6th-8th), Jr. High Room (the first classroom at the top of the east stairs)

Sr. High (9th-12th), Sr. High Room (the classroom closest to the balcony)

Adult class: Adult class through December 5: [*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*](#) by Rachel Held Evans. Our author admits that our childhood Bible stories don't answer all of life's questions. Rachel Held Evans is a storyteller and challenges us to love the Bible and its stories from a different perspective.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

November 21 – Sunday

- Community Building Time in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM
- Faith Formation Hour 10:50 AM
- Youth Brunch 10:50 - 11:40 AM

November 22 – Monday

- Memorial Service for Greg Long 10:00 AM
- Bible Study 5:00 PM

November 23 - Tuesday

- Piecemakers 10:00 AM
- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM

November 25-26 – Thursday and Friday

- Office closed

Pastor Ruth Harder will be out of the office Tuesday the 22nd - Sunday the 28th.

Sarah Neher, Sarah Unruh, and Euripides Solis-Ramos will be out of the office Wednesday the 24th.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Dec. 4th- Decorating for Advent 9:00 am- noon

Saturday, Dec. 4th- Youth Peppernut & Christmas Fun 2:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 5th- Rezound! Handbell Ensemble 3:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 19th- Rainbow Christmas Experience 10:50 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rainbow Strings will meet immediately after the Sunday School hour in the Wesley Room today. Come one; come all!

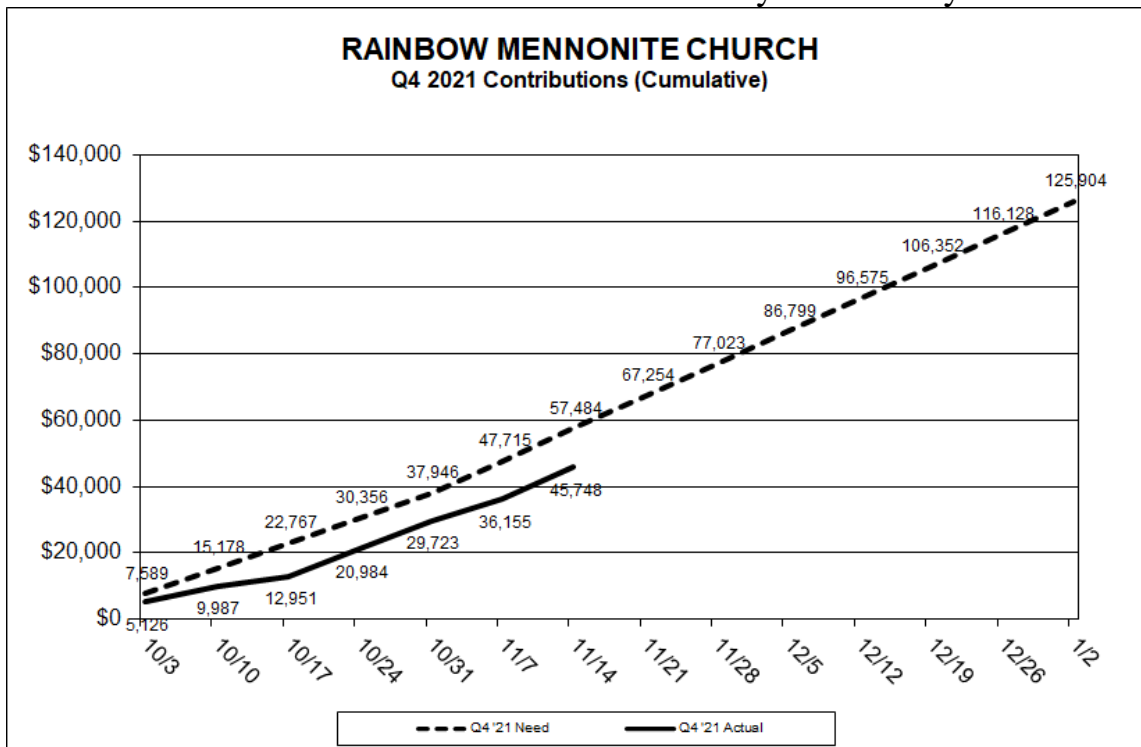
Advent is coming! The Visual Arts Committee needs volunteers to bring Advent light into Rainbow. Decorating day: December 4th, 9:00 until noon. Questions? Contact Sallie Page-Goertz salliepg@gmail.com or Linda Graham dnlgraham@gmail.com

Help us update our group subscription to *Anabaptist World*! Please email office@rainbowmennonite.org by Friday, December 10.

CROSS-LINES CHRISTMAS STORE SIGN UP: We will box food from Nov. 29th through Dec. 3rd in the main Cross-Lines building storage area. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up with Sarah Unruh in the church office. We will be working from 9-4 every day in a closed environment without other people around. If questions, ask Keith Jantz or Anna Jones.

The Rainbow Performing Arts Committee is thrilled to announce our church's first live concert event since the start of the pandemic! On Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 PM, we are hosting a performance by Rezound! Handbell Ensemble. This metro-wide auditioned group of musicians has played here several times in years past, and always brings quality music for our enjoyment. The concert will feature seasonal music, and will provide us with a great start to the holidays. Masks will be required. The concert is free, but donations will be much appreciated.

Stewardship Update: As of 11/14/21, we are forecasting that we will require \$80.2K in contributions in the final 7 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 11/21 is \$11.5K. 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.



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