

November 28, 2021 - Advent 1

Worship 9:30am

Faith Formation 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME

Leroy Seat, worship leader

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN VT 212

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Natasha VanDyke

ANTHEM

When at Creation's Dawn

Janzen/Clemens

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1-14

TEACHING

Fred Heeren

HYMN VT 218

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

OFFERING

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 may be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

HYMN VT 223

Blessed Be the God of Israel

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Anthem text:

When at creation's dawn there was no sound,
God hummed a brooding song of birth profound:
the symphony of nature all around:
Alleluia, alleluia.

For ev'ry sound comes from the maker's hand,
the cleansing rush of river, drift of sand.
Each scraping insect sings across the land:
Alleluia, alleluia.

That music stirs in us through day and night,
a unity of soul and body's light,
through which our breath and voice rise into flight:
Alleluia, alleluia.

So let our songs now echo nature's praise.
All strings and cords in sweet vibration raise
to glorify our God through all our days:
Alleluia, alleluia.

CARING NOTES

- Dick and Brenda Tatro's daughter Teri Yoder who lives in Chicago is recovering from an emergency brain surgery last week. They thank us for our continues prayers.
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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 28 – Sunday

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM
- Community Building Time in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM
- Faith Formation Hour 10:50 AM

November 29 – Monday

- Bible Study 5:00 PM

November 30 - Tuesday

- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM

December 1 – Wednesday

- Women's Lunch on zoom 11:00 AM
- Choir Rehearsal 6:45 PM

December 4 – Saturday

- Decorating for Advent 9:00 AM - Noon
- Youth Peppernut and Christmas Fun 2:00 - 8:00 PM

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

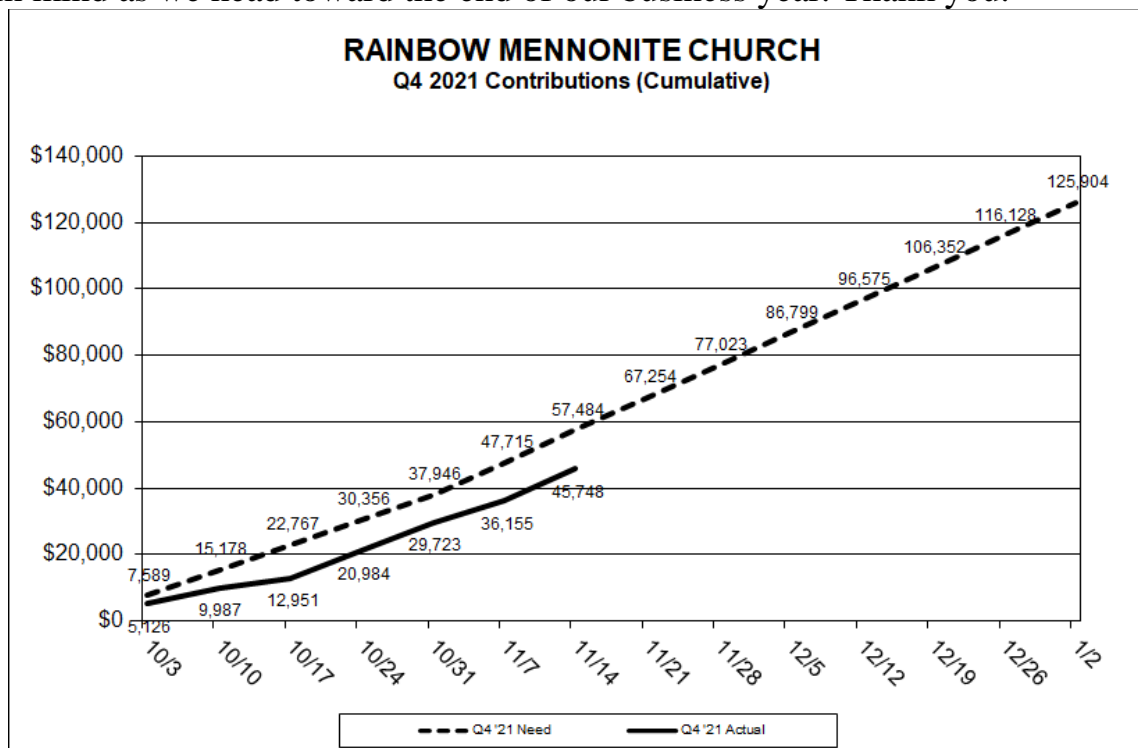
Advent is coming! The Visual Arts Committee needs volunteers to bring Advent light into Rainbow. Decorating day: December 4th, 9:00 until noon. Questions? Contact Sallie Page-Goertz salliepg@gmail.com or Linda Graham dnlgraham@gmail.com

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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