

# December 19, 2021 - Advent 4

Worship 9:30am

Christmas Experience 10:00am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organ  
Isaac Davido, piano

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

HYMN VT 261

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

In accordance with Covid guidelines, please wear a singer's mask or N95 mask while singing.

## WE LISTEN AND LEARN

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

Sallie Page-Goertz

STORY TELLING

Ruth Harder and voices from the past

HYMN VT 249

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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. If put in the offering plate, they will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING

HYMN VT 247

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

DISMISSAL TO CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE GROUPS

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## Rainbow Christmas Experience at 10:00 AM

After a shortened service we will move into our 2021 Christmas Experience, complete with drumming and unique ways of interacting with the Christmas story. Uncle Gottfried will be one of our fearless leaders. We will finish Sunday morning with a time of community building. Coffee and hot cocoa will be served in the fellowship hall, we ask those who would like to enjoy their beverage indoors to wear a mask between sips. The north parking lot will also be available for those who feel more comfortable gathering outdoors. There will be a treat to take with you on your way home.

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## CARING NOTES

- Update from Brenda and Dick Tatro: "Brenda will be traveling to Chicago this week. Their daughter, Teri, hasn't been stable enough for surgery but hoping she recovers enough to proceed with treatment. Her husband, Joel, is exhausted. We continue to be thankful for the love and concern from our fellow congregants."
- Let's share joy with Melissa and Nick Schroeder and their newborn Kai Jinson Schroeder born November 30! If you are interested in providing the family with a meal sign-up [here. https://mealtrain.com/rq2667](https://mealtrain.com/rq2667)

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

December 19 – Sunday

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM
- Rainbow Christmas Experience 10:00 AM

December 20 – Monday

- Bible Study 5:00 PM

December 21 - Tuesday

- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM

December 22 – Wednesday

- Piecemakers 10:00 AM
- Choir Rehearsal – cancelled

December 24 – Friday

- Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM

Sarah Neher will be out of the office December 20th-25th for bereavement to celebrate the life of her grandmother with family in New Mexico. The following week she will be working from home Tuesday-Thursday.

Interim Maintenance Facilitator, Euripides Solis-Ramos, will be out of the office from December 20th through December 31st.

The Church office will be closed on December 24th and the 27th for the Christmas Holiday.

The Church office will be closed on December 31st and January 3rd for the New Year Holiday.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec 26th – Worship Service starts at 10:00 AM with no Sunday School

Sunday, Jan. 2nd- Youth Ice Skating at Crown Center, 6-8 PM

Sunday, Jan. 16th- Youth Brunch, 10:50-11:40 AM

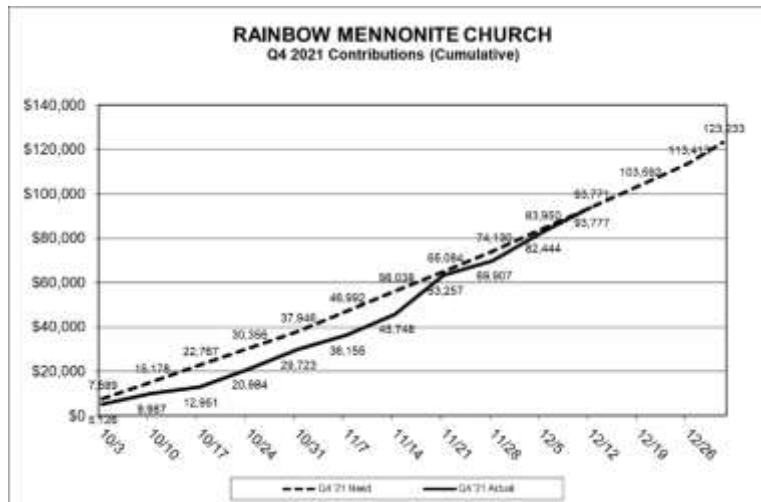
Jan. 21-23rd - Jr. High Snow Camp

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Kansas MDS Unit** invites you to attend their annual meeting on Sunday, January 16, 2:00 PM at Tabor Mennonite Church. No need to register. This will be a hybrid event, in person as well as virtual on zoom. Ask the office for the zoom link if interested.

**Stewardship Update:** As of 12/12/21, we are forecasting that we will require \$29.5K in contributions in the final 3 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 (counting 12/31/21 as a Sunday) beginning 12/19 is \$9.8K. 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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