Do you see what I see?: **IRISTMAS DAY** 

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

David Stewart, worship leader

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN VT 241

#### WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19 SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5

Reflections on Habakkuk's Though/Yet prayer

by participants in the Monday night Bible Study and others Nancy Bosché, Laura Schmidt, Brenda Foster, Leroy Seat, Duane Krehbiel, Phil Rhodes, Pat Peters, Carmen Shelly, Claire Zehner

Carols when indicated:

VT 248 It Came upon a Midnight Clear st. 1, 2, 5

VT 260 On This Great Day of Days

VT 259 To Us a Child of Hope is Born

VT 264 Still, Still, Still

VT 252 Go Tell It on the Mountain

#### WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOYS and CONCERNS

**OFFERING** 

\*HYMN VT 240

*Joy to the World* 

**\*SENDING FORTH** 

\*POSTLUDE

O Come, all Ye Faithful

Sallie Page-Goertz

#### Caring Notes ...

- Jimmy Griffin is grateful to report that his father is now home from a recent hospitalization and doing better. He appreciates our love and prayers.
- From Pastor Ruth: I'm grateful for all the expressions of encouragement and care, especially in light of my canceled surgery last Friday. I now have a new surgery date scheduled for later in January. This means, unfortunately, that I will wait until next year to begin the DMin program at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. My current plan is to begin those studies (a 30 hour program extended over three years) in January of 2024. Again, thank you for your expressions of love and prayer.
- A combined memorial service for **Don and Norma Moeller** will be held at Rainbow this coming **Wednesday, December 28, at 11 am,** with a light lunch to follow. Don and Norma, married 66 years, have been members of this church since its very beginning in 1957. They will be remembered with great affection and love. Memorial gift designations (for both Don and Norma): Rainbow Mennonite Church.

"The Moeller family is so grateful and in awe of the love, compassion and support you've given to Mom and Dad and our family. We appreciate you so much."—Teresa King, Michele Birzer and Laura Sullivan

## This Morning at Rainbow

This morning's ushers are **Todd and Claire Zehner**. Greeter is **Brenda Foster**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. Closing Trustee is **Todd Zehner**. Note: **The nursery is closed today.** 

## **Gatherings Ahead:**

• Sunday, January 1, New Years Day Morning Worship <u>at 10 am</u>

## Announcements

**Stewardship Update:** As of 12/18/22, we are forecasting that we will require \$59K in contributions in the final 2 weeks of the year to meet our 2022 commitment to fund all the missions of the church and break even for the year. Based on this, our average need per Sunday beginning 12/18/2022 is \$29.6K. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you.

Any 2022 mailed-in contributions to the church must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2022 to count toward the 2022 church budget and as a 2022 contribution for tax purposes. Online contributions can made until 11:59:59 pm on December 31 to count for 2022.

**Annual Reports!** Attention committee chairs, RMC Church Council officers: please submit annual reports to the church office no later than Wednesday, January 11. It's crucial that we give Church Administrator Sarah Unruh enough time to compile and format all the reports prior to our annual meeting, which is scheduled for February 5.

**More2** and its member churches have initiated a campaign to send postcards to all Kansas legislators encouraging them to vote for the expansion of Medicaid. You will find postcards at either entrance this Sunday to complete. Place the completed card in the basket by the entrances. By using your address, More2 will separate the cards so they get to your particular legislator. If you have questions, contact Laura Schmidt.

December 18, 2022	
Attendance	158
Visitors (included in attendance count)	8
Online Views	95
General Fund	\$29,488.24
Other Donations	\$90.00
Total Offering	\$29,578.24

The church office will be closed Monday December 26- January 2.

<b>This Week</b> Wednesday	Dec	28	Don and Norma Moeller Memorial	11:00am
<b>Next Week</b> Monday	Jan	2	Bible Study on zoom	5:00pm
Tuesday	Jan	3	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
Wednesday	Jan	4	Piecemakers (Quilters) Choir Supper Choir Rehearsal	10:00am 6:15pm 6:45pm

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