

**Merry Days of Christmas!**  
**December 29, 2024**

***Receiving hope, peace, joy, and love***

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**

**Movie Hour: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Karla Leuenberg, pianist

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS

Our light sculpture at the front was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul.  
We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

David Stewart, worship leader

\*HYMN VT 249

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

MOMENT OF WONDER

Linda Graham

HYMN VT 257

*Away in a Manger*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-38

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Ruth Harder

\*HYMN VT 126

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

**WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

SHARING JOY AND CONCERNS

*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. As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

## PRAYING TOGETHER

VT 264 *Still, Still, Still*

*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.*

## OFFERING

*If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

\*HYMN VT 240

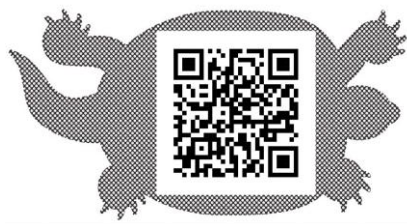
*Joy to the World*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

\*You are welcome to stand.

**Welcome to our worship service.** We strive to welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Scan the code below to see our Land Acknowledgement commitment.



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## Today

This morning's ushers are **David Bluford and Jimmy Griffin**. The greeters are Harold and Naomi Wiebe. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, hearing assistance devices, or location of the restrooms. The closing Trustee is **Phil Rhoads**. Parents and guardians of children ages 3-10(ish), please feel free to pick up a **multi-sensory/wiggle bag** hanging on the wiggle bag tree in the Wesley Room (room on east side of Sanctuary). Note: **the nursery will not be staffed again** until January 5th.

**Today after worship** the Faith Formation Board is hosting a viewing of the movie *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Pizza will be provided as it will likely go past noon. Location: Rainbow Room

### Caring notes

- Leona Kaufman, mother of Mitch and Vicky Kaufman, died December 24 at her residence in Moundridge, KS. A memorial service will be held at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge, on January 13.
- Todd Zehner is now at St. Luke South Hospital/rehab facility.
- Keith Yarwood asks for prayers for his Aunt Carol Blegan and her family. More will be shared during community building time.

### Announcements

The **Monday night Bible Study group will take a short hiatus** until the new year.

**ANNUAL REPORTS!** Attention committee chairs, RMC Church Council officers: please submit annual reports to the church office no later than Wednesday, January 8, 2025. 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 2, 2024.

After Epiphany Sunday (Jan. 5), it will be time to gather all the holiday decorations and carefully pack them away. **The Visual Arts Committee would love your help on Saturday, January 11 at 9 am.** Depending on how many great helpers we have, it might not take us more than an hour, so please come between 9 and 10. Thank you!

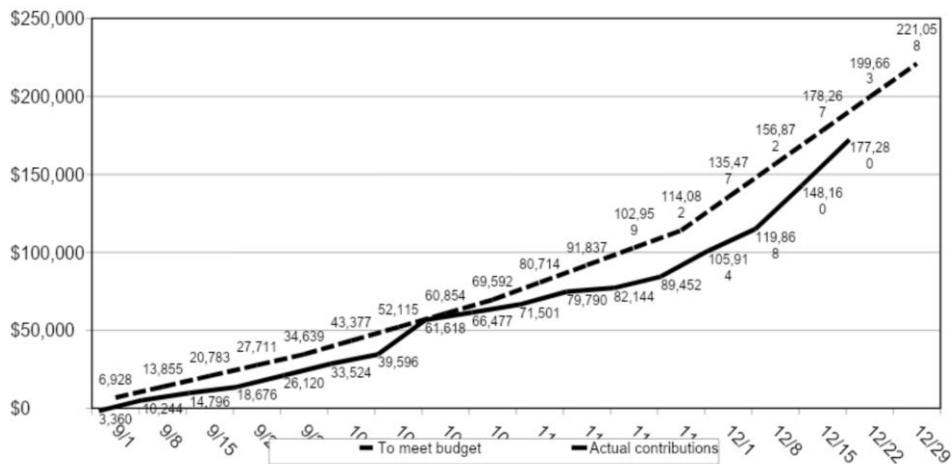
### Staff/Office Notes

The church office will be **closed all day** January 1st.

Additional staff schedule notes:

- Ruth will be out of the office December 30-31
- Rosi will be out of the office December 30

**Stewardship Update:** The chart (below) illustrates our actual vs. needed giving through the end of the year. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you



**December 22, 2024**

General Fund	\$20,699.75
Other Donations	\$27.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$20,726.75</b>

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**Calendar**

Tuesday	Dec	31	RainBros on Zoom	8:00am
Wednesday	Jan	1	Office Closed for New Years Day	
Thursday	Jan	2	RainBros Brunch	11:00am
			Watercolor Class	1:00pm
			Peace & Social Justice Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Saturday	Jan	4	Women's Breakfast at Fritz's	8:00am

**Next Week**

Monday	Jan	6	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
			Bible Study	5:00pm
Tuesday	Jan	7	RainBros on Zoom	8:00am
			Deacon Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Jan	8	Women's Lunch	11:00am
			Choir Dinner	6:15pm
			Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Thursday	Jan	9	Watercolor Class	1:00pm
			Trustee Meeting	4:30pm
Saturday	Jan	11	Christmas Take Down	9:00am

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