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At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the faithful prayers, financial gifts and participation of WDC members in supporting conference and congregational ministries this past year and pray for generous contributions to WDC as the conference completes its fiscal year in January.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.

New Creation Fellowship Church January 5, 2025



Prelude music: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name VT 126
Opening song: O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem VT 275
Welcome and announcements
Meditative music: Bless the Lord, My Soul VT 127
Call to worship
Joyful Is the Dark VT 281
Hail the bless'd morn Screen
From North and South, from East and West VT 460
Offering
Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp
Scripture Matthew 2:1-10, Luke 2:41-47, Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon Pastor Shana Green
Communion
Sharing and praying together O God, hear us
Sending song: See Whose Glory Fills the Skies VT 274
Benediction Pastor Shana Green

Contributions December 29: General Fund: \$343.00
Preschool Tuition Assistance: \$837.50

	<u>January 5</u>	<u>January 12</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Anthony H
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Hymn Sing
Song leader	Vicki L	Krista M
Musicians	Ian GG & Michelle V	Rhonda H
Children's time	Kristin NE	
Audio & video	Andy B & Aaron R	Ruth M & Aaron V
Childcare	Ruby O & Norm L	No childcare
Care of building	Becky & Galen M	Krista & John M
Communion servers	Steve M, Chuck N, Bonnie N and Ruth M	n/a

Childcare is provided following Children's Time for children 2nd grade and younger.

Communion: We serve open communion and welcome all ages to participate. Gluten free pretzels and grape juice are provided.

The Craft and Hang Out Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after worship. This group is open to all ages. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch if you wish. TODAY, Jan. 5th, Brenda will be showing step-by-step instructions for Zentangle, which creates abstract patterns to help you relax and focus.

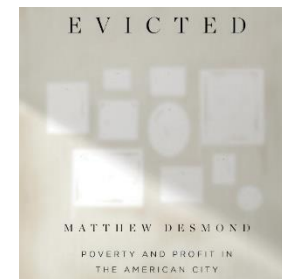
Our next **Congregational Meeting** will be **Jan. 12th at 9:00 am**. Please note this revised date. The wrong date was in last week's bulletin. This meeting will be led by the Congregational Care Team and more details will be coming. You are welcome to attend!

On Jan. 12th we will have a **Hymn Sing**. All ages are invited to participate.

There won't be **childcare during worship** on January 12. The children are invited to join in the hymn singing.

Green candle: We light the green candle amid the white candles to represent those prayer concerns among us that may be quietly carried by an individual but might not be spoken aloud.

Pastor Shana invites you to the **Book Club** which meets on the 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. The next book is *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. There are copies available at the Newton Public Library.
Jan 22, RENT, pages 1-107
Feb 26, OUT, pages 111-203
Mar 26, AFTER, pages 207-313



Kauffman Museum Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, "A Mennonite Sojourn in Central Asia, 1880-1935," with historian John Sharp, on Sun., Jan. 12 at 3 p.m., *Kauffman Museum auditorium* (corner of Main & 27 streets, North Newton)

Anabaptism at Five Hundred Hymn Festival: The Hesston College Music Department invites the public to join in a historic celebration of faith, music and heritage at Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival on Sunday, January 19, at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. The Hymn Festival will feature a historical narrative by Ken Rodgers, music professor, tracing the evolution of hymns and texts central to Anabaptist worship over the past 500 years. Another highlight of the event is choral and congregational singing, with singers from surrounding churches combining with audience participation to create a communal expression of faith and song. This community-wide event is part of worldwide celebrations commemorating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism.

Bethel College's annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** celebration on Mon., Jan. 20 at 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, with local pastor (retired) and community leader Larry Lee.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Hesston College invites the community to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 20, with two events on campus. Start the morning with a complimentary prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. in Bontrager Student Center dining hall, where community leaders are invited to gather for conversation and prayer. Then, from 10 a.m. to noon, experience "Worship, Word and Action" at Hesston Mennonite Church, featuring a gospel choir, poetry, art and an inspiring message from Reverend Jerrell Williams of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. These events offer a chance to reflect, connect and take action inspired by Dr. King's vision of justice and unity.

