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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: Pray for generous contributions to WDC as the fiscal year ends in January, to support conference ministries of equipping ministers, resourcing congregations, and networking church planting partnerships.

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the 40 SOOP participants who are serving this month in places like Kykotsmovi, Phoenix, and Tucson, Arizona; Gotha, Florida; Americus, Georgia; Meridian, Mississippi; Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania; and San Antonio, Texas. Pray that they will be instruments of God's justice, peace and love.

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January 8, 2023



Anna

Opeing Song: O Come, All Ye FaithfulVT 241
 Verses 1 & 2 only

Welcome and Announcements..... Megan Thompson

Meditative Music and Lighting the Peace Lamp

Hark! the Herald Angels SingVT 247

Morning Star, O cheering sight Screen / HWB 214

See Whose Glory Fills the SkiesVT 274

Offering

Children's Time..... Kristin Neufeld Epp

The Magnificat..... Screen / HOS 328

Scripture Luke 2:26-39

Sermon..... Renee Reimer
Life After Christmas

Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"

Closing Song: Go Tell It on the MountainVT 252
 chorus only

Benediction..... Renee Reimer

Contributions Jan 1 - General Fund: \$1085.00

	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u> <u>Congregational Meeting</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	n/a
Song leader	Krista	Vicki L
Musicians	Rhonda	Ian GG
Sound & video	Jair H & Micah H	Andy B & Aaron R
Children's time	Kristin Neufeld Epp	n/a
Speaker	Renee R	Leadership & Congregational Relations Team
Care of building	Chuck & Bonnie N	Ratzlaff Family

This week, will be the last meeting of our discussion group that is exploring [Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way](#). All adults and teens are welcome to join the conversation! We will meet via Zoom from 7-8 pm on Tuesday, Jan 10th to discuss Anna, Weeping Mothers, and Sophia. Questions? Ask Rebecca B-F.

The **Craft and Hang Out Group** will be meeting TODAY, Jan 8 & Jan 22 after worship. You are invited to attend.

New Janitor: Moe B-F is now cleaning the church each week. We are grateful for her willingness! Thanks again to Shawna and Carla Hurst who have cleaned for the past year.

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

Contribution Receipt for Tax Purposes: Your 2022 giving report is in your church mailbox. NCFC is grateful your support and gifts are received with gratitude. If you have any questions, see Rodney or Brenda.

Leadership Teams: The 2023 Leadership Teams were announced last week, and their contact information can be found on the lavender ½ sheet handout at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one home for future reference. On the back of the handout, there is a list of which Leadership Team to contact for concerns, ideas, or questions. There is also a new visual display of the Leadership Team members in the entry way by the stairs.

The January **congregational meeting** will be on Sunday, January 15. More details will be announced, but the congregational meeting will be combined with our worship that Sunday and be in hybrid format (in person and online). The intention is to do “worshipful work” in discussing, listening to each other, and hearing the spirit around the issue of Covid protocols at NCFC. The format of the meeting is an experiment to be as inclusive as possible of our NCFC congregation. If you have questions, comments, or ideas, please contact the Admin Team.

Hesston College Masterworks Presents, I Believe:

Join us on Jan. 14, 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a performance featuring music of African American Composers, including works by William Dawson, Robert Owens, and Margaret Bonds. Masterworks chorus and orchestra will be joined by soloists Evan Julius Nelson, Dr. Carren Moham, and Dr. Holly Swartzendruber. More info at hesston.edu/masterworks or join us at hesston.edu/livestream

Save the date: Sat., Jan. 28 – **Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day** event, “Kansans Create!,” noon-4 p.m., museum parking lot and grounds. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org



