

New Creation Fellowship Church

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PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support WDC ministries.

Mennonite Mission Network: Kate Widmer, serving with MMN, has extended her assignment with *Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard* (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a second term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.

Offering for January 2-7

General: \$1490.00

Lectionary text for January 9

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

[Psalm 36:5-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

[John 2:1-11](#)

New Creation Fellowship Church January 9, 2022



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.

Welcome and announcements..... Anthony Horsch

Light the peace lamp

Call to worship Screen

Meditative music Lori Dreier

Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7

Song: *Fear Not for I Have Redeemed You*..... Rhonda Horsch

Song: *Shepherd Me Oh God*..... Words in Voices Together #744

Song: *Be Not Afraid – I Go Before You*..... Video

Scripture Luke 3:15-17; 21-22; Luke 4:16-19

Sermon: *I Have Called You By Name: Discovering The Absence And Intimate Presence Of God In Our Deepest Struggles*..... Miles Reimer

Share reflections, joys and concerns (response: *O God, hear us*)

Light candles and pray together

Benediction



Thank you to George and Mona Krievins for insulating the church attic. Our new HVAC equipment was installed a year and a half ago, to replace a fifty plus year old steam boiler and A/C chiller. One wrinkle with high efficiency furnaces is that they wring the last 5-10% of heat transfer by condensing water out of the exhaust gases. Water that can freeze in an uninsulated attic. We decided to insulate the attic rather than adding heat to the space or components. George reports that when it was 7 degrees outside, the attic was 49 degrees! This was a HUGE task with crawling, climbing, and enduring the itchiness of the insulation. We are so grateful!!!! George and Mona, you deserve a trip to a warm beach!



Pastor Derrick will be on leave until February 1. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Krista Murray from our Congregation Care Team. Email: kmurray62@gmail.com Cell Phone: (620) 217-9037

	January 9	January 16
Worship leader	Anthony Horsch	Megan Thompson
Speaker	Miles Reimer	Ian Gingrich-Gaylord
Musician	Lori Dreier	Ian Gingrich-Gaylord
Children's time	Kristin Neufeld Epp	Kristin Neufeld Epp
Video	Micah Hurst	Aaron Ratzlaff
Sound	Galen Miller	Andy Brown
Care of the building	Horsch family	Miller family

Everyone is invited to the **WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion** on Jan. 27, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will discuss *This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls* by Anna Woofender and explore what it means to explore "raw, honest, gritty way[s] of doing church." Contact the library at crlib@mennowdc.org to register or borrow a copy of the book.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, or central.kansas@everence.com.

Bethel College hosts two activities for the **Martin Luther King Jr.** holiday that are free and open to the public, *both in Memorial Hall*: Jan. 17, 7 p.m., program with Jasmyn Elise Story as the featured speaker; Jan. 18, 2 p.m., screening of the Kellogg Foundation's 2022 National Day of Racial Healing event. Sponsors are Bethel College Student Life, the Bethel College Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Center and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

The **Newton Community for Racial Justice** and the [#kansasvolunteercommission](https://www.kansasvolunteercommission.org/) has put together a variety of service opportunities for the Newton Community to take part in on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Jan. 17th. MLK Day is an opportunity for communities to participate in a "day on" together. This year's activities include making MCC health kits, writing letters at Offenders Victims Ministry, building a blessing box, indoor painting, and housekeeping/maintenance at New Hope Shelter. Sign-up using this form: <https://forms.gle/WYehvCm2Mnkh8ndL9>

