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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:** In this Thanksgiving week, offer a prayer of gratitude for members of WDC congregations and communities who care for the land, grow and harvest food, prepare meals, and share generously with a hungry world.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are serving through MMN, have lived among Indigenous communities in Argentina’s Chaco region since 2004. Pray for them as they promote Indigenous culture and languages through Bible-study materials and educational opportunities, among other ministries of presence.

# New Creation Fellowship Church

November 20, 2022



Prelude

Opening Song

Welcome and Announcements.....Chuck Neufeld

Meditative Music

Scripture Ephesians 5:18-20 (NIV)

*Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Offering

Children’s Time.....Audrey Ratzlaff

### SINGING & TESTIFYING

- Call out a song you would like us to sing.
- Come up to the “sharing chair” and share your testimony - something about your faith journey; something about how you’ve experienced God’s presence (or absence) in your life; whatever the Spirit has put on your heart.
- Portions of a *Contemporary Epistle* written by Tom Yoder Neufeld will be interspersed throughout this time as well.

Sharing and Praying Together..... “O God, hear us”

Sending Song

Benediction.....Bonnie Neufeld

Contributions on Nov 13 - General Fund: \$1143

	<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>
Worship leader	Chuck and Bonnie N	?
Song leader		Chuck N
Musicians		Bonnie N
Sound & video	George & Aaron V	? & Aaron R
Children's time	Audrey R	Rebecca BF
Speaker	<i>Singing &amp; Testifying</i>	Audrey R
Care of building	Ian GG & Megan T	Mays

**Lectionary Text for Nov 27**

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)   [Psalm 122](#)   [Romans 13:11-14](#)   [Matthew 24:36-44](#)



**Childcare Help Needed:** We're experiencing a need for adults to provide childcare in the basement during Sunday morning worship (after the children's story). If you're interested in volunteering for that please contact Norm Lichti or Krista Murray or Amy Regier.

**Lift Construction Update:** The handicapped lift equipment shipped and arrived this week from the manufacturer! The local lift supplier has scheduled the installation of the lift during the week of **December 5**.



Framing for the shaft is nearly complete, and drywall will begin soon. There will be some finish work after the lift install to complete the project, but it is looking like the end is in sight! Supply chain issues have been delaying projects for the last few years, but having the equipment we ordered in June finally here is a major milestone.

Thank you to all who have supported this project, through their volunteer efforts, through financial donations, through dealing with construction mess, and through their patience while continuing to climb stairs to access the church. If you have questions or comments, please contact George Krievins, as he is coordinating the project with Regier Construction.

# NCFC Advent 2022



The church has several **Advent wreaths**, including new dripless, smokeless candles, available if you would like one for home use. The Advent wreath is yours to keep, or you can return it to church or donate it to the Et Cetera Shop if you prefer not to store it at home. If you would like

one, please contact Rebecca B-F, who will deliver one to you at home or ensure that there is one ready for pick-up for you at church.

**ONLY 3 WINDOWS LEFT! SIGN UP SOON!**

This Advent, you are invited to "adopt" a windowsill in the New Creation sanctuary and decorate it around the theme of Advent or Christmas. [Sign up](#) for one of the windowsills and plan on having your materials on display by November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. Questions? Ask a member of the Advent Committee: Rebecca B-F, Becky M, or Megan T.



**Advent Bags:** Children will find a brown paper bag with their name on it in the sanctuary. Each family with children has one paper bag, so look for one per family. Inside is something that we will use during children's time during Advent, which starts on November 27. You can look inside the bag before November 27, but don't open it in church today, in case other children would like

to keep the contents a surprise until the first day of Advent. Handle the bag carefully; don't squash it or get it wet or let your dog chew on it. If you are a child who attends church online, you can ask someone who is at church today to bring it to you, or someone will deliver it to you this week. Names were taken from the directory, so if you are part of our church but don't find a bag with your name on it, that's probably because your name isn't in the directory. That's okay! Take one home anyway. And if you are a teenager, you can also take a bag--just choose one without anyone's name on it.

**Advent calendars** are here! As a church, we'll be practicing an "Advent of Kindness" by engaging in acts of care for each other, our community, our world, and our selves. Join the fun by picking up a calendar from the back of the sanctuary, then "opening" a new day each day between November 27 and Christmas Day. **Be sure to open next Sunday's before you come to church because it asks you to bring something special with you next week.** There are 50 calendars in the back, but don't be afraid to take the last one as more will arrive next week.



