

## New Creation Fellowship Church

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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.*

### Lectionary text for Nov 28:

<a href="#">Jeremiah 33:14-16</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 25:1-10</a>	<a href="#">1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</a>	<a href="#">Luke 21:25-36</a>
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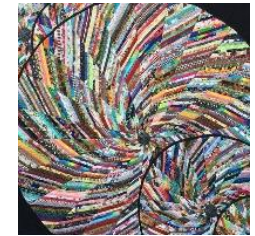
### Offering for Nov 15-19

General: \$1280 Sharing Fund: \$170

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for God's faithfulness, goodness and generosity, and the many ways that WDC congregations share these gifts so that God's healing & hope flow through us to the world.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in MMN's Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community and contributing to environmental restoration.

## New Creation Fellowship Church November 21, 2021



**Speaker:** Bonnie Neufeld

**Sermon:** A Celebration of Possibilities!

Thoughts about my "Circles of Stories" quilt

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:12-17

**Pastor Derrick** will be on vacation until Sat., Nov. 27. If you have pastoral concerns during this time, please contact someone on the Congregational Care Team (Becky, Krista or Norm).

**Advent Packets:** The Advent Team has put together a resource packet for each household on our church directory. These large envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up today! If your neighbor, friend, or extended family cannot attend worship, consider delivering their packet to them.



**Advent** begins Sunday, Nov. 28. We would like to again share seasonal daily "reflections" through congregational email. The Advent theme this year is "Dare to Imagine," with weekly themes focusing on God's goodness, God's embrace, God's song, God's face, God's robe, and God's dance. If any of these spark memories or ideas for stories or art, please contact Audrey Ratzlaff to add your name to the list! If you have a reflection you'd like to share that doesn't relate to the theme, that's great, too! All are welcome, regardless of age and artistic ability! Contact Audrey at [aaratzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580.

**Christmas Baskets for Heartland Supports and Muse Apartments:** We are seeking donations of items such as hats, socks, cookies and other similar items and treats to be given to our church neighbors for Christmas. This is a great opportunity if you like to knit or crochet. Look for a box in the back of the sanctuary to drop off donations.

- from Megan T. on behalf of the Advent Committee

**Anabaptist World:** It is time to subscribe or renew our group subscription to Anabaptist World magazine. Please send a check to NCFC for \$39 with AW in the memo line by Dec. 6.

## **Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Schedule of Events**

SUNDAY, Nov. 28: 1st Sunday of Advent, Dare to imagine God's goodness!

SUNDAY, Dec. 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Dare to imagine God's embrace!

2-5pm Intergenerational activities in churchyard: art project, care packages and fellowship

SUNDAY, Dec. 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Dare to imagine God's song!

2-5pm Intergenerational activities in churchyard: art project, care packages and fellowship/singing

6:30pm Christmas Program in outdoor shelter: children in nativity costume, songs and hot chocolate

SUNDAY, Dec. 19: 4th Sunday of Advent, Dare to imagine God's face!

2-5pm Intergenerational activities in churchyard: art project, care packages and fellowship/singing

SUNDAY, Dec. 26: "Christmas Sunday," Dare to imagine God's robe!

SUNDAY, Jan. 2: Epiphany Sunday, Dare to imagine God's dance!

**Camp Mennoscah:** Christmas Gathering on Dec. 18 at 2:30pm! Join us in the Dining Hall at Camp Mennoscah for afternoon fun--bring games to play indoors or out. Camp will provide popcorn and generic pop. (Masks recommended and encouraged for inside activities.)

**Five Places of Christmas**, the annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus, on Sat., Dec. 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge for admission. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods and other items for sale. Please plan to wear a face covering indoors and follow all COVID-19 protocols requested by the venue. (Other locations: Warkentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.)