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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: During this Thanksgiving Season, give thanks for the amazing church planting opportunities. Give thanks for the pastors & lay leaders who are ministering to the needs of people & building communities of faith, & for the many ways WDC supports them. Give thanks for the many who provide resources of finances, vision & time to the efforts of church planting. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network: On Thanksgiving Day, Joseph and Rachel Givens, who are serving with MMN, will continue a tradition of gathering the guests of Maria Skobtsova House and the other houses of refuge around Calais, France, for a meal. Pray that on this day, God's love will be shown, so that people fleeing violence may find community and people who are hungry may eat their fill.

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November 24, 2024



Prelude

Opening song: For the Beauty of the Earth VT 120
verses 1-3

Welcome and announcements

Meditative music

Let Us Give Thanks screen / HOS 324

Offering

Children's story Anthony Horsch

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Gratitude and song Edel, Pastor Shana & Ian

Lord, Listen to Your Children VT 682

Sharing and time of prayer *O God, hear us*

Sending song: Grant us, God, the Grace VT 746

Benediction Megan Thompson



Contributions November 17: General Fund: \$2079
Sharing Fund: \$1200

	<u>November 24</u>	<u>December 1</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Audrey R
Speaker	Edel M, Pastor Shana G & Ian GG	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Vicki L	Chuck N
Musicians	Rhonda H	Bonnie N
Children's time	Anthony H	Kristin NE
Audio & video	George K & Galen M	Rich S & Aaron R
Childcare	Eliza E & Brenda M	Ruby O & Kelven M
Care of building	Schrag/Oswald	Lawrence/Stucky
Communion servers	n/a	Ruth M, Galen M, Marvin P & Mona K

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

The **Congregational Care Team** is meeting on Tues, Nov 26. If you have questions, concerns or ideas, please contact Ian, Audrey or Kristin.

The **Advent Theme** this year will be "The Space Between – An Advent of Anticipation". We will use the Women's Lectionary by Rev. Wil Gafney, PhD. Each Sunday Pastor Shana will be giving a five-minute reflection on the scripture, then someone from the congregation will share a short story that reflects the theme. The themes will be Divine Interruption, Strength in Community, The Power of Praise, Trusting the Unseen and Joy in Unexpected Places. Please let Pastor Shana know if you would like to share on one of the weeks.

Advent Windows: As Advent season will soon be upon us, you are invited to "adopt" a windowsill in sanctuary and decorate it around the theme of Advent or Christmas. Sign up for one of the windowsills through [this document](#) and plan on having your materials on display by **December 1st**, the first Sunday of Advent. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Eells at epburdette@gmail.com

There will be no **Congregational Meeting** in December.

Our annual **Christmas Program** will be on December 15th. We hope you can join us for this special tradition.

6:15 Christmas Carols

6:15-6:20 Children to basement for costumes

6:30 Christmas Program

After the Christmas program, there will be fellowship time in the basement. Please bring snacks, cookies or fruit to share.



Book Club: Pastor Shana announced that *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond will be the next book club pick. We are currently alternating Fiction/Non-Fiction. If you want to get a head start on the book after *Evicted* over the holidays, it will be *There There* by Tommy Orange. Book Club won't meet in December due to the holidays.

MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm all are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff, get a tour while you enjoy some snacks. 121 E. 30th St, North Newton! mcc.org/open-house

Camp Mennoscah: You can be part of Jesus' work at Camp Mennoscah through prayer, volunteering, or financial gifts. Your gifts support summer youth camps, the comfort and enjoyment of guest groups, and care of the facilities. Give online at campmennoscah.org through the Donate Here button or send to Camp Mennoscah.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The November edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, learn about Bridging Together, a new partnership with Lutheran Disaster Response, read how hope is being renewed in Santa Cruz plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4fWz7HD>

The **Annual Christmas Brass Concert** will be held at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Sun. at 7:00pm Dec. 8. Come join a Great evening of Brass Music with the McPherson Brass and the Goessel Elbiata Singers as well as enjoying audience participation in singing of familiar Christmas Carols. **Aaron Ratzlaff will be playing trumpet!** A free will offering will be for the ministries of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. 1304 K KS-15, Goessel.

