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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: We are about to finish this year 2022, I surely believe that our God has led us, and care in the process and stages of life within the kingdom of God. And we continue to face each challenge, but God has also opened doors, relationships and many more things, the work was not only of one, but all in unity and harmony of the Spirit of God. We present to God the new challenges that will come, so that He may take care of all of us, in this Church Plant Commission and the other WDC Commissions. In the name of Jesus, -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network: Austin Roberts, who is serving through MMN, requests prayer for Northern Ireland, where Queen Elizabeth's death has fueled tensions between Catholics and Protestants. Inflation and the rise in heating oil prices and electricity, a result of Russia's war in Ukraine, add to the unrest. He asks us to join him in his plea for "a swift and peaceful end to this aggression," for the benefit of the people of Ukraine, all of Europe and the world

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November 27, 2022



Artwork by Michelle Burkholder

Prelude

You are the God of Love Screen

Welcome and Announcements..... Megan Thompson

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy..... Screen
 Sophia V and family will light candles.

Prayer of Confession Screen

While We are Waiting, Come..... Screen

Scripture Genesis 38
Common English Bible, summarized

Wisdom from on High is Dawning..... VT 238

Long is Our Winter..... Screen

Offering

Children's Time..... Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Sermon..... Audrey Ratzlaff
Tamar: Advent Waiting, Advent Acting

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

Sending Song: O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem VT 275

Benediction..... Audrey Ratzlaff

Contributions on Nov 20 - General Fund: \$303.00

	<u>November 27</u>	<u>December 4</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Megan T
Song leader	Chuck N	Krista M
Musicians	Bonnie N	Rhonda H
Sound & video	Galen M & Micah H	Andy B & Aaron R
Children's time	Rebecca BF	Rebecca BF
Speaker	Audrey R	Mitch S
Care of building	Mays family	Hurst family
Communion servers	n/a	Anthony H, Krista M, Mona K & Chuck N

Lectionary Text for Dec 4

Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
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There will be **NO Congregational Meeting** in December.

Lift Construction Update: The handicapped lift equipment arrived from the manufacturer! The installation of the lift is scheduled during the week of **December 5**. If you have questions or comments, please contact George Krievins, as he is coordinating the project with Regier Construction.



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

You are invited to join a new group doing **crafts and hanging out**. We will meet TODAY, Sunday November 27 from 12:00 - 2:00. This is an informal, cozy time to have fellowship and to do crafts.

Artist Display: There are several New Creation artists who have pieces on display and for sale at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery located at 128 E. 6th St. in Newton. Check out the 12 x 12 Small Works Holiday Showcase located on the second floor (there is an elevator) to enjoy a sampling of the talents of Andy Brown, Lori Drier, George Krievins, and Michelle Voth among other local artists. The gallery is open 12-5:00 pm Tuesday-Friday and 10:00-5:00 on Saturdays.

Giving Tuesday is November 29 – Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year. Your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2022 budget goal! You may make an online contribution [HERE](#) (credit card, PayPal, Google Pay accepted) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare **webinar** on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 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.

Buhler Mennonite Church Service Project Invitation: We need your help! On Saturday, December 3, 2022 we need your help to package 50,000 meals. Our plan is to keep the meals local– providing food for our local neighbors. What a great way to give of your time during the Christmas season to help those who struggle to put food on the table. This will take place at Buhler Mennonite Church – 220 West Avenue B, Buhler.

It's a Wonderful Life: The Life Radio Play - Dec. 3, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church: Hesston College Music and Theatre join together to bring this beloved American holiday classic, performed as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Bel Canto Singers and Global Voices bring music before, during and after the show! It will be a beautiful night of nostalgia and holiday warmth. More info at Hesston.edu/theatre or join us at hesston.edu/livestream

Sunflower Performing Arts - Calmus: Christmas A Cappella- Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church: Last here for our 2012-13 season, this outstanding vocal quintet returns to present a wonderful holiday concert featuring Christmas songs from around the world. Based in Leipzig, Germany, the internationally acclaimed ensemble performs more than 50 concerts a year and will collaborate with Bel Canto Singers on two selections. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit! More info and tickets at sunflowerarts.org.

NCFC Advent SERMON SERIES

This Advent, we will be using *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way* by Joanna Harader, illustrated by Michelle Burkholder. We will dive into the biblical accounts of Jesus' female ancestors and reflect on God's presence in their lives.

Nov 27 Tamar



Dec 11 Ruth



Dec 4 Rahab



Dec 18 Bathsheba



NCFC Advent 2022



Join the fun of watching Newton's downtown **Christmas parade** Thursday, December 1! Start early with hot cocoa or cider and a fire at Rebecca Barrett-Fox's house, where you can park and walk to the parade. Rebecca will have the fire going by 5:15, and we'll step off to see the parade at 6:00. Or meet NCFC friends downtown near Gust Orthodontist (5th block of North Main) to watch with friends!

This year, our children's and youth **Christmas program** is an old-timey radio show! We'll be recording it in advance of Christmas via Zoom and sharing it with the congregation during a Sunday service. To join the fun, email Rebecca B-F to sign up for a role. Here's what to expect:



- No costumes! This is an audio-only recording.
- Minimal lines and no need to memorize anything! Children who can read can use a script. Non-readers will have very short lines ("Moo!" "Hee-haw!")
- No kids' faces will be recorded. We'll record through Zoom, and your child will need to have a profile picture that reflects their role (Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, etc). This will be provided for you.
- Under 1 hour of time.
- Recording will happen the week of December 5, time and day TBA.

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 ourselves. Join the fun by picking up a calendar from the back of the sanctuary.



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. 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.

