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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: Pray for pastors, musicians, artists, teachers and worship leaders in WDC congregations, as they shape worship and other special activities during the special seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Anchorage (Alaska) Service Adventure unit is participating in a community performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Pray for leader Samir Knego and participants Samuel Landis, Briana Nyveldt, Armando Perez and Aviva Setiawan as they worship and share the good news of Jesus' birth, ministry and salvation offered to all people.

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December 1, 2024

Advent 1 - Divine Interruption



Prelude music

Opening Song: God Is Here among Us VT 62
(verses 1-2)

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting Ritual

Meditative Music

Call to Worship Screen

Ready My Heart..... HOS154 / Screen

Helpless and Hungry..... VT 268

What Child Is This..... VT 267

Offering

Children's Time..... Steve Meyer

Scripture Reading.....Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Reflection and Story Pastor Shana

Song of Response: How Many Times We Start Again... VT 553

Communion

Sharing and Praying Together

Sending Song: There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT 828

Benediction

Contributions November 24: General Fund: \$162

	<u>December 1</u>	<u>December 8</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Megan T
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Pastor Shana G & Kristin NE
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N	Krista M
Children's time	Steve M	Kristin NE
Audio & video	Rich S & Aaron R	Andy B & Aaron V
Childcare	Ruby O & Kelven M	Olivia E & Brenda M
Care of building	Lawrence/Stucky	Rhonda & Anthony H
Communion servers	Ruth M, Galen M, Marvin P & Mona K	n/a

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

Communion: We serve open communion and welcome all ages to participate. We serve gluten free pretzels and grape juice.

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.

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

Craft Group will be meeting after worship TODAY. You are welcome to join us!

Please remember the **Sharing Box** at the church. Consider purchasing holiday type foods and add them in the Sharing Box. Feel free to pick up items from the Sharing Box that would be helpful to you.

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

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.

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.

Camp Mennoscah is holding a fundraiser to support the many aspects of camping ministry on Dec. 14th! [Reserve your tasty verenike casserole meal here!](#) The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Meals will be available for pick up or eat in on Saturday, December 14, at Faith Mennonite Church between 5:30 - 6:30pm. Call 620-297-3290 with questions.

Kauffman Museum: David Janzen will read from and sign his book, *Once Upon a Time There Was a Three-Year-Old Grandpa*, December 8 at 3 p.m. at *Kauffman Museum*. The book is a memoir-like collection of stories and anecdotes. David is a member of Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, IL. He has worked as a teacher, affordable housing developer, refugee asylum program manager, and nurturer of the latest generation of Christian intentional communities.

Join the Global Anabaptist Bible Read-a-thon! This is your opportunity to take part in a once-every-500-year moment of unity and faith! MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 is collaborating with Mennonite World Conference in this extraordinary event as 500 voices will join together to read through the entire Bible – from Genesis to Revelation – in multiple languages. Register [here](#).

