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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:** Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library's creative resources and ideas for Advent and Christmas, and pray for congregational leaders who plan worship and special activities during this season.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the participants in MMN's Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit — Nely Cotuc, Hannah Nuest, Ally Weaver, Magdalena Wenger and Deborah Yoder — as they help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, through welcoming immigrants, promoting literacy and working to protect the environment.

## **New Creation Fellowship Church** December 3, 2023



Piano prelude ..... O Holy Night

Advent gathering song: We Come.....VT 225

Welcome and announcements .....Audrey Ratzlaff

Breath prayers .....screen / inside bulletin

Meditative music: Noche anunciada .....VT 242

Advent candle lighting

Prayer (spoken, not sung) .....VT 143

Comfort, Comfort, O My People .....VT 212

Joyful Is the Dark.....VT 281

Helpless and Hungry .....VT 268

Offering

Children's time.....Audrey Ratzlaff

Scripture ..... Psalm 145

Sermon..... Pastor Shana Green  
*While We Wait*

Communion

Sharing and praying together ..... *O God, hear us*

Sending song: The Magnificat .....screen / HOS 328

Blessing

**Contributions Nov 26:** General Fund: \$975 Youth Group: \$300

	<u>Dec 3</u>	<u>Dec 10</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	?
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Ian GG	Krista M
Children's time	Audrey Ratzlaff	?
Sound & video	George K & Aaron V	Jair H & Aaron R
Care of building	Miller family	Carla & Jair H
Childcare	Emily B & Jair/Carla H	Olivia E & Kelven M
Communion	Bonnie N, Galen M, Marvin P and Chuck N	n/a

The most recent Covid Community Level in Harvey County is "Low". Please follow the "Trust" protocols in our gathering together at church. Masking is optional, there are no restrictions on eating together, fellowship, or coffee, indoors or outdoors. We will trust each other to choose what is needed to stay healthy. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the admin team.

**December 10th:** Pastor Shana continues the advent season with the message "The Weight of Waiting". The scripture will be Luke 15:11-32.

**Communion:** We serve gluten free pretzels and grape juice. Everyone is welcome to participate.

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



*Inhale: I can see new life,  
Exhale: Even in the dark.*

*Inhale: I am free to not know.  
Exhale: God is enough.*

*Inhale: Together we wait;  
Exhale: God is with us in the waiting.*

Our annual **Christmas Program** will be on Dec 17 at 6:30 pm. *After the program, there will be fellowship time in the basement. Please bring finger food, snacks, cookies or fruit to share.*

**A/V System update!** The new sound board and speakers are here and we will be debuting them for worship this Sunday. We are still waiting for the assisted hearing hardware, and have some microphone cable runs to the music side of the stage to complete. Our system vendor and installer, Michael Dunn is planning to join us at worship this Sunday, to help with any issues running the board and interfacing with Zoom and video. Please have patience with the A/V team as we will be bringing this new system online for the first time. - Thank you from the A/V task force!

**NCFC Family Events:** This is another opportunity to support and connect with each other beyond our Sunday morning and small groups.

Aaron R	McPherson Community Brass Choir	TODAY Sun Dec 3 3:00 pm	St. Paul Lutheran Church 213 E Division, Peabody
Nadia R	Winter concert	Tues Dec 5 6:30pm	Peabody High School 810 N Sycamore, Peabody
Edel M	Senior Art Show	Thur Dec 7 5:30 – 7:30	Regier Art Gallery Bethel College
Aaron R	McPherson Community Brass Choir	Sun Dec 10 7pm	Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Goessel

**New Creation Preschool:** The preschoolers will be in our sanctuary on December 12 and 13 to perform Christmas songs and poems for our families. December 15 is our last day until 2024. Consider if you'd like to be a preschool volunteer...we have new children joining in January and more helpers are always welcome.

**Community Advent Calendar:** Building on the work of New Creation Fellowship Church since 2020, local volunteers have created a community Advent calendar for Harvey County. Each day, you'll be invited to join in an activity that promotes kindness, gratitude, or connection to others. Pick up a copy at one of the sponsors listed on the calendar, or download to use digitally or print. You can find it here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GTOQxg28x34oLj7Ku-dz\\_s8-siSWQO42/view?fbclid=IwAR144qOdFMCKHHKdHxGZDXNCBw3hBir5XBZYdEC5dkWQaksl-BwxtUAGIAM](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GTOQxg28x34oLj7Ku-dz_s8-siSWQO42/view?fbclid=IwAR144qOdFMCKHHKdHxGZDXNCBw3hBir5XBZYdEC5dkWQaksl-BwxtUAGIAM)

