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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: In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of wisdom, vision and hope for WDC congregations navigating transitions and other discernment processes.

Mennonite Mission Network: Cassidy Bush, Anna Lubbers, Rachel Miller and Eli Reimer make up MMN's San Francisco (California) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they join First Mennonite Church of San Francisco in ministries that work toward reducing poverty and homelessness and promoting social justice, education, and health.

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December 4, 2022



Rahab

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected JesusVT 218

Welcome and Announcements..... Megan Thompson

Medatation Music and Lighting the Peace Lamp

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy.....Screen
 Cy, Wendell and family will light candles.

Prayer of Confession Screen

Song: We ComeVT 225

Song: Comfort, Comfort, O My PeopleVT 212

Scripture Joshua 6:23-25 and Hebrews 11:1-2, 23-31

Offering

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

Sermon..... Mitch Stutzman
Disrupted Expectations: Action from the Margins

Communion Miles Reimer

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

Sending Song: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem.....VT 275

Benediction..... Mitch Stutzman

Contributions on Nov 27 - General Fund: \$768

	<u>December 4</u>	<u>December 11</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Megan T
Song leader	Krista M	Vicki L and Krista M
Musicians	Rhonda H	Ian GG, Michelle V
Sound & video	Andy B & Aaron R	Galen M & Aaron R
Children's time	Rebecca BF	Rebecca BF
Speaker	Mitch S	Renee R
Care of building	Hurst family	Andy B
Communion servers	Anthony H, Krista M, Mona K & Chuck N	n/a

Lectionary Text for Dec 11

Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10 Luke 1:46b-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
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There will be NO **Congregational Meeting** in December.

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.



Sharing Box: The other day when I was working in the church office, I heard many cars and voices at the Sharing Box. On my way home, I stopped by the box to see if needed to be straightened. I assumed since there were so many cars that I would find an empty box, but it was overflowing with food! Thanks to the givers and the receivers! – Brenda

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.

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

Masks: The Admin Team would like the congregation to be assured that we are aware of the complex feelings and issues surrounding the decision to continue with masking during our church services. We feel that we need to hear from the congregation regarding this issue in our next congregational meeting before any decisions are made. Traditionally, we don't have a congregational meeting in December, so our January congregational meeting will be devoted to discussing masking. Thank you to everyone for your continued prayer and patience as we navigate this together.
- Michelle Voth, Libby Baumgartner and George Krievins

WDC Resource Library Book Discussion Thursday., Dec. 15, 7:00-8:00pm, via Zoom, will be focused on *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way* by Joanna Harader. NCFC will be using the book for worship and for personal devotional times. Come talk about what you've learned/how you're experiencing this Advent season. Let's grow in faith together through conversation across the conference. **Register [here](#) or by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org**

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.

Camp Mennosciah: We are seeking stunning summer staff to fill the following leadership positions for the 2023 summer: crafts, lifeguard, music, nature, office, and grounds. These positions are typically filled by college-age students, are summer-long and receive a stipend. A summer of fun, service and faith formation!

February 4 to 5 - Know Jesus: Save the Date for Hesston College's Know Jesus conference for junior high youth. Contact Michele Hershberger at michele.hershberger@hesston.edu for more information.

Bethel College Upcoming Christmas Traditions: The annual Messiah Sing will take place Wednesday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. College soloists perform excerpts and attendees are invited to sing along with the choruses. The Lighting of the Green will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. Students, staff, faculty, and community members gather around the Green to create a "wreath" of candlelight, then converge to form a "Christ candle." All are invited to attend.

NCFC Family Events

This is a calendar of events involving the children, youth and adults in our NCFC family. If you have a sporting event, musical concert, or artistic exhibition AND would welcome attendance from our congregation, please send the details to Brenda and she will make a weekly attachment to the Friday bulletin email. This is another opportunity to support and connect with each other beyond our Sunday morning gatherings and small groups.

Name	What	Date	Where
Andy Brown, Lori Drier, George Krievins, Michelle Voth	Display at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery	open 12-5 pm Tuesday-Friday and 10-5 on Saturdays	128 E. 6th St Newton
Aaron Ratzlaff	McPherson Community Brass Choir Christmas concert	Sunday December 4 3pm	in Peabody
Vicki Lichti	Treble Clef Christmas Vespers	Sunday December 4 3 pm. (2:45 prelude)	First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Ave, Newton
Nadia Ratzlaff	Choir winter concert	Monday December 5 7pm	Peabody-Burns High School gymnasium, 810 N Sycamore St, Peabody, KS
Aaron Ratzlaff	McPherson Community Brass Choir Christmas concert	Sunday December 11 7pm	Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Goessel
Nadia Ratzlaff	band concert (she will be playing percussion)	Wednesday December 21 7pm	Peabody-Burns High School gymnasium, 810 N Sycamore St, Peabody, KS

NCFC Advent 2022



Advent Walk TODAY: Join others from New Creation on a reflective nature walk this Sunday, December 4. As part of our Advent season, Kathy Landis will lead us as we spend some time outdoors, exploring and appreciating the glory of God around us. Gather at [Memorial Grove](#), located behind the tennis courts and near the community garden on the campus of Bethel College, at 1:30. The trail is wide and smooth but not paved. We'll take a slow pace, and you'll be able to join for as much or as little of the walk as you like.

Expecting Emmanuel Discussions: Over the next few weeks, a small group of people from NCFC will be discussing [Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way](#). All adults and teens are welcome to join the conversation!

We will meet via Zoom from 7-8 pm:

12/6: Tamar and Rahab

12/15: WDC-wide discussion of first half of book ([registration required](#))

12/20: Ruth and Bathsheba

1/3: Mary

1/10: Anna, Weeping Mothers, Sophia

You can come to one, some, or all of the discussions.

Questions? Ask Rebecca B-F.

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.



