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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 those who serve on WDC Commissions, and pray for them as they guide ministries that sustain pastors and other ministers, provide resources for congregations, and support church planting partnerships in our conference.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. Professors are adapting curricula to the changing needs of a society traumatized by prolonged war. Pray for the students, who are immediately putting into practice what they learn in their courses about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and crisis counseling and as they share the healing love of Christ.

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December 8, 2024
Advent 2 - Strength in Community

Prelude

Opening song: There Is a Line of Women VT 546

Welcome and announcements

Advent candle lighting ritual

Meditative music

Call to worship screen

O Come, All Ye Faithful VT 241

Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

Offering

Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Scripture reading Luke 1:39-45

Scripture reflection Pastor Shana Green

Story Kristin Neufeld Epp

Song of response: How Many Times We Start Again VT 553

Sharing and praying together

Sending song: He Came Down VT 239

Benediction

Contributions December 1: General Fund: \$327
Sharing Fund: \$275

| | <u>December 8</u> | <u>December 15</u> |
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| Worship leader | Megan T | Megan T |
| Speaker | Pastor Shana G & Kristin NE | Pastor Shana G & Anne R |
| Song leader | Vicki L | Krista M |
| Musicians | Krista M | Ian GG & Michelle V |
| Children's time | Kristin NE | Kristin NE |
| Audio & video | Andy B & Aaron V | George K & Galen M |
| Childcare | Olivia E & Eliza E | Emily B & Norm L |
| Care of building | Rhonda & Anthony H | Bernard & Evie R |

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

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

Yes, we will have the *4th Sunday of the Month* **Breakfast Potluck** on December 22nd.

Anabaptist World Subscription: 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 22.

Please note the time change for our Christmas Program on December 15th. This will help accommodate families with young children.



5:45 Singing Christmas Carols in the sanctuary or on Zoom

5:45-5:50 Children go to the basement to get costumes on

6:00 Christmas Program

6:15 Fellowship Time - Bring snacks to share

The **Annual Christmas Brass Concert** will be held at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, TODAY, Sun. at 7:00pm Dec. 8. Come join a Great evening of Brass Music with the McPherson Brass 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.

Kauffman Museum: David Janzen will read from and sign his book, *Once Upon a Time There Was a Three-Year-Old Grandpa*, TODAY, 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.

Let Central **Kansas Master Chorale** be a part of your Christmas tradition! Please join us for *Christmas with the Chorale*, a festive concert with CKMC under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, and featuring the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. This free event will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main Street, Hesston.

Mark your calendars for **Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival** on Sunday, January 19, 2025, 3:00 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Hosted by the Hesston College Music Department, this event will also celebrate the release of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The Hymn Festival coincides with the 500th anniversary of the first Anabaptist adult baptisms that took place in Zurich, Switzerland in 1525. More information to follow in area bulletins and at hesston.edu/music.

Can a Book of Stories Bring Peace to Palestine and Israel? **Western District Conference (MC USA) Israel-Palestine Task Force** invites you to join us for a book discussion

group on February 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm CST held on Zoom. We will be reading *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. An apeirogon is a polygon with an observably infinite number of sides. McCann is an award winning author who writes a book of tiny chapters, each one a breath, a feeling, a story. The book is based on the real life experiences of two friends, an Israeli who opposes the occupation and a Palestinian who studies the Holocaust. They meet in a parent grief support group, as both have tragically lost their daughters. Their raw stories and their ardent peace work buoy the heart as the book takes us on a journey through love, loss, reflection, and hope. To register, email wdc@mennowdc.org, and a Zoom link will be sent out.



