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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 WDC's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and as they provide support and resources for credentialed ministers in our conference.

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco since 2004. Pray for them as they provide continuity in long-term relationships and encourage the preservation of Indigenous languages and cultures.

## **New Creation Fellowship Church** December 10, 2023



Prelude

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

Welcome and announcements ..... Megan Thompson

Breathe Prayers.....screen / inside bulletin

Meditative music

Advent candle lighting

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

O Come, O Come, Immanuel ..... VT 210  
 verses 1 and 3

Poor of the Earth..... VT 213

Offering

Children's time ..... Audrey Ratzlaff

Scripture ..... Luke 15:11-32

Sermon ..... Pastor Shana Green  
*The Weight of Waiting*

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

Sending song: O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem ..... VT 275  
 verse 1

Benediction..... Pastor Shanna Green

**Contributions December 3:** General Fund: \$470

	<u>Dec 10</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Audrey R
Song leader	Vicki L	Chuck N
Musicians	Krista M	Bonnie N
Children's time	Audrey R	Kristin NE
Sound & video	Jair H & Aaron R	Andy B & Galen M
Care of building	Carla & Jair H	Steve M & Ruth M
Childcare	Olivia E & Kelven M	Emily B & Norm L

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 17th:** Audrey Ratzlaff continues the advent season with the message "Waiting Well." The scriptures will be Matthew 3:1-6, 11 and 1 John 1:1-3, 8-10.

**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 18.

**Jesus Takes a Side ZOOM book discussion:** On Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm Pastor Shana will be leading a discussion on chapters 9-12. On January 3 at 7:00 pm we will have the author, Jonny Rashid, as our special guest.

During this holiday season, please remember the **Sharing Box!** In addition to food, you are welcome to bring hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks.



Inhale: it is well	Exhale: with my soul.
Inhale: guide my feet	Exhale: while I run this race.
Inhale: be still	Exhale: and know that I am God.



Our church **Christmas Program** is coming up on December 17 at 6:30 in the sanctuary or on Zoom. Families with children, check your email for details from Kristin. All children are welcome even if they don't regularly attend!

After the Christmas program, there will be **fellowship time** in the basement. Please bring finger food, snacks, cookies or fruit to share. Thank you to the Murrays and Millers who are coordinating our Christmas fellowship.



**Craft and Hang Out Group:** We will meet in the basement after worship on Dec 10 & 24. Sometimes people bring lunch. Some folks have knitting, collage projects, coloring or other crafts. Sometimes people want to just fellowship. Come join this cozy group and it is open to all ages!



**Masks:** We received a large donation of N95 masks. Feel free to take a few or a lot! Masks are located at the back of the sanctuary and in the north entry way.

**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	Sun Dec 10 7pm	Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Goessel
Edel M	Senior Art Show	Mon-Thur 9-5	Regier Art Gallery Bethel College

**New Creation Preschool:** Consider if you'd like to be a preschool volunteer. We have new children joining in January and more helpers are always welcome.

**Kauffman Museum at Bethel College:** Open hours are Tues.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and weekends 1:30-4:30 p.m. (closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve). The current special exhibit is "Climate and Energy Central". The museum store is also open during those hours, with books, games, art and other gift items for sale.

