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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 generous financial support for WDC congregations, as they seek to meet annual budget goals for mission and ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network SADRA (Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency) Conflict Transformation is a MMN partner that offers a Christian response to injustice in South Africa. Pray for the conflict mediators, who train members of their communities to de-escalate situations that could lead to violence.

New Creation Fellowship Church December 17, 2023



Prelude

Advent gathering song: We Come VT 225

Welcome and announcements Pastor Shana Green

Breathe Prayers

Meditative music

Advent candle lighting

Hope Is a candle..... VT 211

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

Prepare Ye the Way of the LORD..... VT 219

Offering

Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Scripture Matthew 3:1-6, 11 and 1 John 1:1-3, 8-10

Sermon Audrey Ratzlaff
Waiting Well

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Sending song: My Soul Proclaims with Wonder VT 222

Benediction Audrey Ratzlaff

Contributions December 10: General Fund: \$3719 Sharing Fund: \$75

	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Dec 24</u>
Worship leader	Pastor Shana G	Anthony H
Speaker	Audrey R	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N	Ruth M
Musicians	Bonnie N	Rhonda H
Children's time	Kristin NE	?
Sound & video	Andy B & Galen M	George K & Aaron R
Care of building	Steve M & Ruth M	Brenda & Kelven M
Childcare	Kelven M & Norm L	no childcare, activities available at the back of the sanctuary

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.

Anabaptist World Subscription: It is time to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Anabaptist World magazine. Please write a check to NCFC for \$39 with AW in the memo line by December 18.

We are cancelling the **Fourth Sunday Breakfast Potluck** since it falls on Christmas Eve. Enjoy time with your family and see you at breakfast potluck in January.

There will be **no childcare** during worship on Dec. 24 and 31. There will be activities for children at the back of the sanctuary.

Seasonal Singing: On Sunday, December 31, we will celebrate the holy days of Christmas with singing. If there are particular songs that you'd like to have included, please send them to Audrey Ratzlaff at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com, preferably by Friday, December 22.

Our church **Christmas Program** is TODAY December 17 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary or on Zoom. Thank you, Kristin, for coordinating the many, many details of the program and making it fun and meaningful. Thank you to George and Aaron R for running the sound and zoom.



REMINDER: The Christmas program is short. Please come early with your kids to get their costumes on. Grown-ups, please be on time or you might miss the program!



*After the Christmas program, there will be **fellowship time** in the basement. Please bring finger foods like cookies, treats or fruit. Thank you to the*

Murrays and Millers who are coordinating the reception.

Register now for the MCC South Texas Learning Tour, February 4-9, 2024! This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Details and online registration can be found at mcc.org/south-texas-lt. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 20. Please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso with questions, abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org.

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery: This year the Hesston College Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

