

New Creation Fellowship Church

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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.

Lectionary Text for December 27:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:46b-55 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
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Offering: December 14-18

General: \$2305 Sharing Fund: \$800

PRAYER REQUESTS

Join **Mennonite Mission Network** in praying for the peace witness of the *Meserete Kristos* Church in Ethiopia amid the conflict between the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and the Northern Tigray region.

Western District Conference: As we celebrate Christmas, give thanks for the gift of multicultural diversity within WDC, and the many different ways congregations embody the presence of Christ.

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December 20, 2020

Speaker: Audrey Ratzlaff

Sermon title: *On the road to revelation*

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55

You are invited to join our live Zoom **Christmas Eve Service** at 7:00 pm. Details will be emailed later. Have a blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book* available to sing along at home if you want. Mics will be muted during the service.



Advent Reflections: THANK YOU to Kelven, Nadia, Chris, Chuck, Moe, Libby and Kristine for this week's Advent Reflections! Advent ends on Christmas Eve, but we've had volunteers submit more reflections, so we'll continue these daily offerings into the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany (when we remember the Magi coming to worship a new king). If you are still interested (or know someone who is), please let Audrey Ratzlaff know ASAP!

Pastor Derrick will be on vacation Dec 27 – Jan 3. Please contact someone on the Congregation Care Team (Becky, Krista or Aaron R) for pastoral care needs or concerns during these dates.

2021 Leadership Teams: We are blessed to announce that Michelle Voth will be joining the Administration Team and Norm Lichti will be joining the Congregation Care Team. Thank you for your willingness to share your gifts and serve NCFC in this way!



It is with great joy that we can report that the NCFC **PPP loan** has been forgiven. This will certainly help with some of the budget uncertainties.

The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue, we offer a timely prayer for 2020, A Prayer Amidst Disaster, written by an MDS staff member; read how volunteers are improving the space for homeless in Idaho; and be sure to save the date for our virtual MDS Annual Celebration. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3oS0PL6>

Kauffman Museum is partnering with Humanities Kansas to host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” through Jan. 17. Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, “Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads.” Admission to the “Crossroads” exhibit is free on Saturdays.