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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 all WDC congregations as they celebrate the birth of Jesus and share the good news of God's will for peace on earth.

Mennonite Mission Network: As we enter the week of Christmas and remember Jesus' birth, millennia ago, in a land crushed by oppression, join Mennonite Mission Network in looking for the surprising ways that the Prince of Peace is being born in our own fractured communities today. Let us continue to pray and act in ways that build peace.

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December 22, 2024

Advent 4 - Trusting the Unseen



- Prelude music
- Opening song: We Come VT 225
- Welcome and announcements
- Advent candle lighting ritual
- Meditative music
- Call to worship screen
- Comfort, Comfort, O My People..... VT 212
- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus..... VT 218
- Dona nobis pacem..... VT 707
- Offering
- Children's time Leia Lawrence
- Scripture reading Matthew 1:18-25
- Scripture reflection..... Pastor Shana Green
- Joseph's Story John Murray
- Song of response: How Many Times We Start Again.... VT 553
- Sharing and praying together O God, hear us
- Sending song: We Are People of God's Peace VT 797
- Benediction Pastor Shana Green

Contributions December 15: General Fund: \$1563
 Sharing Fund: \$1000
 Preschool Fund: \$850

	<u>December 22</u>	<u>December 29</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Audrey R
Speaker	Pastor Shana G & John M	Pastor Shana G & Melodie T
Song leader	Vicki L	Chuck N & Melodie T
Musicians	Rhonda H	Bonnie N & Aaron R
Children's time	Leia L	Libby B
Audio & video	Ruth M & Aaron V	Rich S & Galen M
Childcare	Olivia E & Brenda M	Eliza E & Brenda M
Care of building	Jan R & Eldon E	George & Mona K

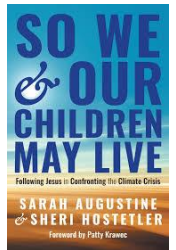
Childcare is provided following Children's Time for children 2nd grade and younger.



The 2025 Summer Youth Camp Schedule for **Camp Mennoscah** is on the camp website. There has been a change in age groups for the camps. There are two Junior Camps for those going into grades 6, 7 and 8 in the fall of 2025. There is one Junior High Camp for grades 8 and 9. Other age groups remain the same. Registration will open in February 2025. The theme for the 2025 summer is *Another Way*, looking at how Jesus invites us to re-imagine who we are and to live in another way.

Mennonite Disaster Service: Our December edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares thoughts and inspiration from a deer stand, and celebrate with family in West Virginia who will be home for Christmas, thanks to MDS volunteers, plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/49FzaWp>

Join **MC USA** in imagining a sustainable future for ourselves, our children, and our planet by participating in an online book study of the compelling and timely book, "So We and Our Children May Live" by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Drawing from Scripture, science, Indigenous wisdom, and personal stories, the authors invite us to open our hearts and our culture to deep, Spirit-led transformation. [Recgister here.](#)



Bluestem U lifelong learning courses for winter and spring 2025 are now open for registration. Courses are available for individuals age 55 and better. This semester's offerings include STEAM, theatre, astronomy, bird watching and a free author's series. See more info and registration at bluestemu.org. Bluestem U is a lifelong learning program of Bluestem Communities in partnership with Bethel College and Hesston College.

Martyrs Mirror exhibit opens at Hesston College: An exhibit from Hesston College's collection of prints from the actual Martyrs Mirror suite by Jan Luyken will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S College Drive, Hesston) from January 15 through February 12. Additional exhibit features will include religious texts from the college archives and modern interpretations of the stories of the Martyrs Mirror by people from the campus community. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

