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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:** On this Christmas Eve, give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence made tangible through the life and witness of WDC congregations.

**Mennonite Mission Network** offers a blessing for each member of your congregation on this Christmas Day. May we encourage one another to follow Jesus' example and become incarnations of God's love and peace in our communities, today and in the coming year.

## New Creation Fellowship Church

December 24, 2022



Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus .....VT 218  
 Advent Candle Lighting

1<sup>st</sup> Reading ..... Anne Regier  
 John 1:1-14 and Psalm 36:5-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ..... Norm Lichti  
 Isaiah 9:2-7 and Psalm 111: 1-9

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading ..... Libby Baumgartner  
 Isaiah 11:1-9 and Psalm 103:15-22

Comfort, Comfort, O My People .....VT 212

4<sup>th</sup> Reading ..... Moe Barrett-Fox  
 Luke 1: 26-55

5<sup>th</sup> Reading ..... Mona Krievins  
 Luke 2: 1-20, adapted

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming.....VT 216

6<sup>th</sup> Reading ..... Ian and Julia Long  
 Psalm 113 and 1 John 1:1-4, adapted

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born.....VT 259

Blessing..... Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Silent Night.....VT 244

**Contributions Dec 18** - General Fund: \$519  
 Preschool Tuition Assistance: \$2500

	<b><u>Christmas Eve, December 24</u></b>	<b><u>January 1</u></b>
Worship leader	Rebecca B-F	Anthony H
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L
Musicians	Rhonda H	Krista M
Sound & video	Andy B & Aaron V	Aaron R & Galen M
Children's time	n/a	Rebecca B-F
Speaker	Scripture readings	Seasonal Singing
Care of building	George & Mona K	?
Communion	n/a	Andy B, Audrey R,?,?

**Scripture:** Since we are not currently following the lectionary text, the weekly bulletin will instead list the scripture that will be used the following Sunday. You are invited to review and ponder the scripture before worship.

If you need **pastoral care support** over the Christmas weekend (December 23-26), please contact Norm Lichti. Audrey Ratzlaff and Krista Murray will be in the area but focusing attention with family on those days.

A small group of people from NCFC are discussing [\*Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way\*](#). All adults and teens are welcome to join the conversation!

We will meet via Zoom from 7-8 pm:

1/3: Mary

1/10: pm: Anna, Weeping Mothers, Sophia

You can come to one, some, or all of the discussions.

Questions? Ask Rebecca B-F.



**Preschool Donation:** We are so grateful for another generous donation of \$2500 from Community Mennonite Church in Markham, Ill. The money is designated for preschool tuition scholarships.

The **new lift** is almost complete! It will be ready to use sometime next week after the lift company does some final adjustments to get the floors level. There are instructions posted in the lift, as well as at the various landings. A key distinction is that the new lift is “manual” and not “automatic” operation. Press and “hold” the buttons. The lift will not move unless the button is held down, both for “calling” the lift (at a landing), and in “running” the lift (inside the cab). This is not as convenient as before, but it allows this lift to be categorized as a lift, and not an elevator. There have been significant changes in state codes, taking effect this January, that make having a lift (as opposed to an elevator) more sustainable financially. If you have any questions or would like a personal demonstration prior to using the lift, please feel free to ask George. Thanks again for all the generous support that made this improvement possible!

The January **congregational meeting** will be on Sunday, January 15. More details will be announced after the holidays, but the congregational meeting will be combined with our worship that Sunday and be in hybrid format (in person and online). The intention is to do “worshipful work” in discussing, listening to each other, and hearing the spirit around the issue of Covid protocols at NCFC. The format of the meeting is an experiment to be as inclusive as possible of our NCFC congregation. If you have questions, comments, or ideas, please contact the Admin Team. Thanks!

**Jr. High Youth Group:** You're invited to *Know Jesus*, an event at Hesston College on February 4-5. There will be games, service, worship, and learning with other Junior High groups from around Kansas and beyond! This is an overnight event, from about noon on Saturday to 10:30 on Sunday. If you want to learn more about what will be happening, visit this link: <https://mennowdc.org/know-jesus-registration-is-open/> Registration fees will be covered by the New Creation/Shalom youth group fund. Contact Ben Woodward-Breckbill if you're interested in attending!

The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: find out why some disaster survivors may think it's absurd for MDS volunteers to help rebuild and restore; celebrate six home dedications in time for the holidays in Crisfield, MD; and get more details on how to register for the MDS annual celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3Whz2F8>





