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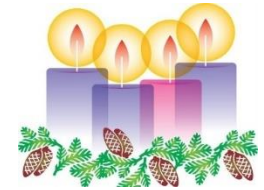
At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Rejoice in the gift of Emmanuel, God-with-us! Give thanks for the many ways that WDC congregations embody Jesus' presence in the world today.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for peace in the land where Jesus was born more than 2000 years ago. Pray, especially, for partners — Bethlehem Bible College, Nazareth Hospital and Nazareth Village — who faithfully work to peel away the layers of fear and hate that distort Jesus' message of peace, in a time of escalating violence in Israel-Palestine.

New Creation Fellowship Church December 24, 2023



Opening song: My Soul Proclaims with Wonder VT 222

Welcome and announcements Anthony Horsch

Music for meditation

Howard Thurman: *Christmas Is Waiting To Be Born*

Lighting of advent candles

Songs for the 4th Sunday In Advent
 We Come VT 225
 Long Is Our Winter Dark Is Night screen

Christmas Eve Litany And Lighting Christ Candle

Songs For Christmas Eve
 Oh, How Joyfully VT 254
 O Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem VT 275
 Still, Still, Still VT 264

Offering

Children's time

Scripture Luke 1:26-39

Sermon Pastor Shana Green
Womb Of Waiting

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Closing song: Silent Night, Holy Night VT 244

Benediction

Contributions December 17: General Fund: \$456

	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>
Worship leader	Anthony H	Audrey R
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	No sermon – seasonal songs and readings
Song leader	Ruth M	Chuck N
Musicians	Rhonda H	Bonnie N & Aaron R
Children's time	?	?
Sound & video	George K & Aaron R	Jair H & Aaron V
Care of building	Brenda & Kelven M	George & Mona K
Childcare	no childcare, activities available at the back of the sanctuary	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.

Seasonal Singing: On Sunday, December 31, we will celebrate the holy days of Christmas with singing and readings.

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

Mennonite Disaster Service: The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Kevin King shares stories of people "moving toward Jesus;" meet two women who enjoy cooking and painting with MDS; learn why a retired Army General in Kentucky says, "only God could have made that happen;" and we are now accepting registration for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. Click on this link to read more:

<https://conta.cc/3v4fpYd>

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum: "The Western Meadowlark: The State Bird, but Not the Only Exceptional Bird in Kansas," with local birding expert Gregg Friesen, on Sun., Jan. 7 at 3:00 p.m., Kauffman Museum at Bethel College, North Newton.



