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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: As we enter the New Year, we pray for peace and joy for our loved ones and neighbors. May Christ's presence guide their lives with love and hope. We also remember our brothers and sisters around the world, trusting in God's love to unite us as we step into a new season of grace and renewal. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are engaged in multiple ministries, including teaching and accompanying Toba-Qom communities in Argentina's Chaco region. Pray that the Oyangurens will continue to be God's agents for transformation and that our Toba-Qom brothers and sisters will be able to live ever more fully into God's abundant life.

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December 29, 2024

Advent 5 - Joy in Unexpected Places



Prelude music

Opening songs:
 O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1, 3-4) VT 241
 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing..... VT 247

Welcome and announcements

Advent candle lighting ritual and meditative music

Call to worship screen

Silent Night, Holy Night..... VT 244

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born VT 259

Joy to the World..... VT 240

Offering

Children's time Libby Baumgartner

Scripture reading Luke 2:1-20

Scripture reflection..... Pastor Shana Green

Story Melodie Tucker

Song of response: O Little Town of Bethlehem VT 245

Sharing and praying together O God, hear us

Sending song: Go Tell It on the Mountain..... VT 252

Benediction Pastor Shana Green

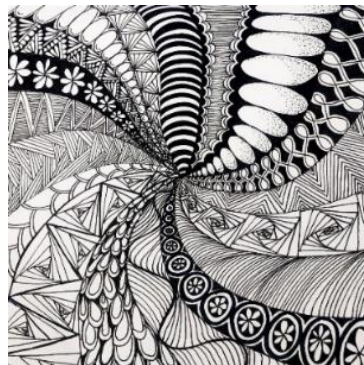
Contributions December 22: General Fund: \$287.00

	<u>December 29</u>	<u>January 5</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Audrey R
Speaker	Pastor Shana G & Melodie T	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N & Melodie T	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N & Aaron R	Ian GG & Michelle V
Children's time	Libby B	Anthony H
Audio & video	Rich S & Galen M	Andy B & Aaron R
Childcare	Eliza E & Brenda M	Ruby O & Norm L
Care of building	George & Mona K	Becky & Galen M
Communion servers	n/a	Steve M, Chuck N and ??

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

Our next **Congregational Meeting** will be Feb 9 at 9:00. This meeting will be led by the Congregational Care Team and more details will be coming.

The Craft and Hang Out Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after worship. This group is open to all ages. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch if you wish. On Jan. 5th, Brenda will be showing step-by-step instructions for Zentangle, which creates abstract patterns to help you relax and focus.



Leadership Team Announcement: We are pleased to announce that Rhonda Horsch will be joining the Administration Team and Ruth Siebert Meyer will be joining the Congregational Care Team. Please keep the bulletin insert for future reference.



Sat., Jan. 4 – **Kauffman Museum** bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

