

Community and Conference Announcements

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A weekly communication for WDC churches announcing what's new and good in WDC.

Advent Worship Visual

Each morning, I open the door to the sanctuary at New Creation Fellowship Church to encounter this painting by our own George Krievins. It draws forth awe and wonder in me, and I find I am waiting with expectancy. Last week, shepherds and sheep and crops appeared. What will I find next? I am grateful for art that sets the table for me to enter our Advent theme of Dwelling in the Mystery.

The artist is also including a short reflection and questions for contemplating the images as the panels are transformed each week. The image is from the first week of Advent. This is the reflection George shared with us.

"The five panels at the front of the sanctuary are a visual representation of heaven and earth. The heavens arching down symbolize the Creator's longing for relationship with his creation, and the earth arching upwards symbolizes the reciprocal longing of mankind. The patterns on the land echo the mile roads and fields of the Midwest, placing us in the center of this cosmic tension."

Our congregation has received this transforming art as a centering force as we sit in times of silence during our worship shaped by Dwelling in the Mystery. The paintings hold space for mystery as we await the birth of Christ in each of our lives.

-submitted by Renee Kanagy, New Creation Fellowship Church, Newton, KS



Blood Mobile: This holiday take time to give blood, which can help save up to 3 lives! Red Cross will be at Goessel Church on Mon. Dec 23 from 2:00-6:00. To get the time slot that suits your schedule best call 1-800-RED-CROSS(800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org Share this opportunity with family that may be here for the holiday and sign them up also. Another way you can help is to give your time. SIGN UP TODAY to work as receptionist, escort, or in the canteen. Thanks for taking time to share as a donor or a volunteer!!

Western District Conference office will be closed December 24 through January 1.

AMBS-Great Plains: How are congregations "conformed" to the culture and in what ways should they be "nonconformed"? How do Christians learn or shape new cultures? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension offers a three-hour credit (audit option) course, "Understanding the Church's Contexts" with Dr. Lois Barrett spring semester, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning February 4, 2014. Register (online) by January 6 and receive a \$50 discount. Contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu or [316-283-7098](tel:316-283-7098) for information.