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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.

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.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: We welcome the season of Spring this month. It is a time of planting seeds, the leaves and perennials returning, new birth, and the fresh restoring rains. Please pray with us for our church plant pastors and leaders. We ask for them to be filled with the joy, love and energy for their work. We ask for showers of blessings.
 -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jonah and Meme Yang, who minister in Thailand from a base in Minnesota. Pray for them as they travel to Thailand twice per year to teach Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program (Jonah) and through Mennonite Women's Sister Care seminars (Meme).

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 April 28, 2024



Opening song: Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love..... screen

Welcome, introductions and announcements

Meditative music

Call to worship

O Thou, in Whose Presence..... VT 600

O Blessed Spring..... VT 522

O Sing to the Lord..... VT 113

As the Deer Pants for the Water screen

Offering

Children's time

Scripture John 15:1-17

Message Chuck Neufeld
 What does "abiding in Christ" mean anyway?

Sharing and praying together O God, hear us

Benediction

Sending song: You are the Vine screen

Contributions April 14: General Fund: \$1692 Sharing Fund: \$75

	<u>April 28</u>	<u>May 5</u>
Worship leader	Anthony H	Audrey R
Speaker	Chuck N	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Krista M	Chuck N
Musicians	Rhonda H	Bonnie N
Children's time		
Audio & video	George K & Galen M	Andy B & Aaron V
A / V runner	Mona K	John M
Childcare	Olivia E & Norm L	Emily B & Kelven M
Care of building	John M & Krista M	Chuck N & Bonnie N
Communion servers	n/a	Marvin P, Galen M, Steve M & ?

Childcare is provided following "children's time" for children 2nd grade and younger. There is a diaper changing table and nursing rocking chair available in the south room of the basement.

NCFC Book Club: Our next book is *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds* by Adrienne Maree Brown. We will meet Wed, May 29 and discuss pages 1-66. There are a few copies at the Newton library, if you need assistance getting a personal copy, let Pastor Shana know.

Scholarships: As a church community, we support our high school graduates through a scholarship fund for those pursuing their first post-high school degree. The scholarship amount depends on the number of applicants and the amount donated. We need to have these donations by May 26 for the 2024-25 school year. If you wish to donate to this above budget fund, please make your check to NCFC with "college scholarship" written in the memo or designate any cash gift in the same way.

Church Directory: It is once again time to update the church directory. Please let Brenda know of any changes to your contact information.

The **Craft and Hangout Group** is meeting today after worship. You are invited!

Living with Loss support group will be offered May 7th through June 11th at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. The support group is open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one, divorce, unemployment or any other life experience that has created grief. Living with Loss support group is co-facilitated by Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and Dr. Gary Blaine, a retired chaplain and certified in grief counseling and grief group facilitation, as well as palliative care and hospice care. The meetings will last six weeks, beginning at 5:30 P.M. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The support group is open to anyone and requires a minimum of six participants for the group to form. The cost is \$10.00 per week. The group will gather for six weeks. The group will be closed to new participants after the second session. To register, please call Pastor Schmidt at (316) 283-3667 or Dr. Blaine at (316) 239-5474.

Newton Mennonite Vacation Bible School:

Dates: Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31

Times: 5:30-7:30pm (supper served at 5:30)

Ages: age 4 - grade 4

Location: Shalom Mennonite Church

Registrations are due by **Sunday, May 5**

Student registration: bit.ly/newtonvbskids

Volunteer opportunities: bit.ly/newtonvbsvols

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

JUNE 3 – JULY 26

No-cost family friendly activities and free lunches!

TWO GREAT LOCATIONS:

New Creation Fellowship
SE 3rd and Pine
Monday-Thursday

Immanuel Baptist Church
1515 N Anderson
Tuesday & Wednesdays

We'll begin each day at **11:30 AM** with family-friendly games, and activities followed by **Free Summer Meals for any child ages 1-18.**

Lunch served 12:00-12:30 PM



