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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: Pray for the WDC Executive Board and Commissions as they meet this month to provide guidance, leadership and vision for our conference.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience by bringing hope to people who have been denied justice. Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's ministries of dismantling racism in the United States and around the world.

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January 14, 2024

No in-person worship due to extreme low temperatures and snow.

You are invited to join us on Zoom at 10:30 am for thoughts from Pastor Shana and sharing time.



Contributions Jan 7: General Fund: \$3735

	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>
Worship leader	No in-person worship due to expected low temperatures.	Megan T
Speaker		Bonnie N, Megan T, Nadia R & Pastor Shana
Song leader		Vicki L
Musicians		Ian GG
Children's time		Kristin NE & Vicki L
Audio & video	We will join together on Zoom.	Jair H & Aaron R
A / V runner		Andy B
Childcare		Olivia E & Norm L
Care of building		Ratzlaff family

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.

The next book for our **NCFC Book Club** is *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. The suggested reading schedule is below and we will still meet once a month on Wednesdays!

Jan 31st – the beginning of the book through Chapter 8

Feb 28th – Chapters 9-18

March 27th – Chapter 19 through the end of the book

There are copies of the book available at the Newton Public Library.

The 4th Sunday of the month **breakfast potluck** will be January 28th. What yummy breakfast item would you like to bring?

KS MCC Sale committee wants Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help Feed and Clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

Bethel College Martin Luther King Jr. Day program on Mon., Jan. 15 at 6 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. The keynote speaker is historian, activist and servant leader Pamela D.C. Junior; also featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir.

FreedUp: New Creation has been a partner church with Everence for many years, and individuals have benefitted from both their counsel and services. Something new for 2024 is FreedUp, an app-based program with a workbook to help people develop strong habits for personal finances. Each person or couple completes lessons on their app, then Everence facilitators will lead small discussion groups; seven, including the first get-acquainted session. There are several days of the week and times to choose from, so you can find a time that fits your schedule:

Mondays 7 p.m. Central, starting Jan. 29, 2024.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Central, starting Jan. 30, 2024.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Central, starting Jan. 31, 2024.

Saturdays at 7 p.m. Central, starting Feb. 3, 2024.

For more information and to register: Pick up a flyer near bulletins with QR code on the back or see group email that will be sent by NCFC to register.

Camp Mennoscah: Work on the Retreat Center HVAC Project is starting! There are two workdays to start off the project on Jan. 20 and 27. The first day will focus on removing furniture and all other items from the building and the second will be the start of "demolition." Work will start at 9am and end at 5pm. Bring your own lunch and water bottle, please, and meet at the Retreat Center. Camp Mennoscah will provide tools needed. Space heaters will be used, but temperatures inside may be around 50 degrees. Please let us know you are coming so we can be prepared. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We are grateful for your generosity as a volunteer. Thank you for helping make the Retreat Center project a reality!

Choral Concert: Come hear a short concert of choral music presented by the *Occasional Singers*, a chamber ensemble of talented musicians who don't have a lot of time on their hands! Led by Andrew Voth, they will be singing choral standards as well as more contemporary pieces. The concert will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, January 21st at First Mennonite Church in Newton and will be free to attend.

This year the **Melva Kauffman Lecture Series** is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman of Dutch heritage and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

