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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: Give thanks for generous financial contributions to WDC, supporting our mission of empowering Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join in Mennonite World Conference's prayers for the global church: to work together in harmony, to reduce suffering, and to become God's people, who sow peace, love and truth.

New Creation Fellowship Church January 21, 2024



Prelude: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory..... VT 504
Opening song: Could It Be That God Is Singing VT 42
Welcome and announcements Megan Thompson
Meditative music: Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets VT 276
Scripture Psalm139:1-6 and 13-18
Offering
Children's timeKristin Neufeld Epp and Vicki Lichti
Sharing stories and songs:
Bonnie Neufeld: At Your Word
Nadia Ratzlaff: Into the Sea
Megan Thompson: I am Willing
Pastor Shana Green: So Will I
Sharing and praying together O God, hear us
Sending song: When Pain or Sorrow / Hold On..... VT 612
Benediction Megan Thompson

Contributions Jan 14: General Fund: \$300 Sharing Fund: \$75
 College Scholarship Fund \$75

	<u>January 21</u>	<u>January 28</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Bonnie N, Megan T, Nadia R & Pastor Shana	John M
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L
Musicians	Ian GG	Krista M
Children's time	Kristin NE & Vicki L	?
Audio & video	Jair H & Aaron R	George K & Aaron V
A / V runner	Andy B & Chuck N	Mona K
Childcare	Olivia E & Norm L	Emily B & Brenda M
Care of building	Ratzlaff family	John & Krista M

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.

On January 28, John Murray will be sharing from Luke 10:25-37 and his sermon title is *Lessons in asking the wrong questions*. This is what John has to say about the sermon: "The message will be an autobiographical journey of my shifting understanding of the meaning of the parable that we often (wrongly I would argue) entitled 'The Good Samaritan'. The broader context of the story, along with my own personal spiritual journey, has deepened and enriched my understanding of this parable that Jesus told to a religious lawyer who didn't really like his own, correct answer to his own question. This has become one of my personal defining scriptures. For me it has come to define true religion. what eternal life is all about, and the surprising places (surprising to us anyway) that we can learn such truths."

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.

Contribution Receipt for Tax Purposes: Your 2023 giving report is in your church mailbox. If you have any questions, contact Brenda.

The 4th Sunday of the month **breakfast potluck** will be January 28th. You are invited to bring a breakfast item to share and come for some fellowship. We do not have anyone specific signed up to host this potluck. You are invited to come early and set up tables or clean up afterwards. Thanks!

Note from the A/V team: As we learn to operate the new sound system, we are still experimenting with what works, and what works less well. We appreciate your comments, after the service, to let us know what your experience was like. This will help us make adjustments for the next Sunday. We have four sound mixes that we are managing on Sunday mornings, and until we figure out, and train for, the best settings for each mix, we need to set priorities for the limited resource of our experience.

What this looks like for now, is the following:

First priority: sound in the sanctuary

Second priority: sound for those who need hearing assistance

Third priority: sound for those worshipping online

Fourth priority: stage monitors

If you are in the sanctuary and have an issue with sound that needs immediate attention, please reach out to the person designated in the bulletin as A/V runner. They are there to pass that information to the sound booth as soon as possible. If you are online, send a text via Zoom. The sound operator in the booth needs to focus on dozens of things at once to manage all of the microphones and sound feeds...and we are triaging our efforts as we learn. We will make mistakes. Please be patient with us from 10:30 until noon....then let us know what you think!

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. [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.

