

New Creation Fellowship Church
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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 the New Year begins, we pray for God's guidance and blessings for the mission of the church. We ask for wisdom to spread His love, the strength to serve others selflessly, and the courage to share the message of hope. May our works reflect God's grace, uniting hearts in faith and compassion. Amen.
 -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the fruit that has grown from Mennonite Mission Network's five-year commitment to partner with Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program in Belgium. Pray for Jean-Bosco Turahirwa, who developed the program for his congregation, which has members from more than 45 countries.

Piano prelude: How Can I Say VT 388

Opening song: Let Us Build a House..... VT 36

Welcome and announcements Pastor Shana Green

Opening prayer

Meditative music: What Does the Lord Require? VT 207

In Christ There Is No East or West..... VT 390

Use Us, God..... VT 811

What Does the Lord Require of You?..... VT 207

Offering: We Are One in the Spirit VT 387

Children's time..... Melodie Tucker

Scripture Luke 10:25-37

Sermon..... John Murray
Lessons in Asking the Wrong Questions

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Sending song: Sing a New World into Being VT 809

Benediction John Murray

Contributions Jan 21: General Fund: \$1260

	<u>January 28</u>	<u>February 4</u>
Worship leader	Pastor Shana G	?
Speaker	John M	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L
Musicians	Krista M	Ian GG & Aaron R
Children's time	Melodie T	?
Audio & video	George K & Aaron V	Rich S & Galen M
A / V runner	Mona K	Chuck N
Childcare	Emily B & Brenda M	Olivia E & Kelven M
Care of building	John & Krista M	Chuck & Bonnie N
Communion servers	N/A	Rhonda H, Anthony H, Audrey R & Mona K

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. There are copies of the book available at the Newton Public Library. We will meet on Jan 31st at 6:00 pm on Zoom. We will discuss the beginning of the book through chapter eight.



The **Annual MCC Sale** will be April 12 & 13 and we are asking for your coins! A little bit of change, over and over, adds up to a lot! Start looking for your little piles of coins and bring them to church each Sunday. There will be a container for the coins at the back of the sanctuary.

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

The next **Congregational Meeting** will be Feb 18th at 9:00 am. More details will be coming later.

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 at 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.

Saturday Library Book Sale & Open House: Stop by the Conference Resource Library on Saturday, February 10 from 10am-12pm. Browse the book sale, check out what's new for individuals, families, children and more for home and congregational use. Enjoy a hot drink and stories.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The January edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Kevin King shares inspiration from the dentist's chair and learn about a huge boost coming to Crisfield, Maryland. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3u2BztK>

Buhler Mennonite Church's **Annual Chicken Noodle Soup Supper** is just a few weeks away on Wednesday, February 14. While we will not have a dine-in experience in our church basement, we will be offering a carry-out featuring noodle soup, pie and bread. Orders will be accepted through Feb. 2. Call or text 620-664-7699 to let us know how many orders you want. Pick up will be at the north entrance of the church (220 W Ave B, Buhler) from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 14. Enter from the south side parking lot on B Street. This is a free will offering with all going to outreach meals.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their annual **Verenike Supper** on Sat, February 17 from 4:30pm-7pm at the church, 427 W 4th. There will be a dine-in option and a carryout option (west side of the church on Santa Fe). The menu will be verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, pie and assorted relishes. Proceeds will go to Halstead USD 440 school lunches and Halstead community utility bill assistance.

KIPCOR Film Series presents *Eroding History*, on Sun., Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Audience talkback follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

