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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 God’s guidance and blessing for WDC youth and their sponsors, pastors and families, in their journey of growing faith and discipleship.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, *Hope for the Future’s* three-day conference concludes in Atlanta, Georgia. MMN requests prayer for the Mennonite Black, Indigenous and People of Color leaders, as they return to their congregations and communities, strengthened by worship and fellowship. Pray also for White allies to work toward God’s justice.

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February 5, 2023



- Prelude: Word and Sign.....VT 483
- Opening Song: Holy Spirit, Come with Power.....VT 57
- Welcome and AnnouncementsChristy Schunn-Sebes
- Call to Worship
- Music for Meditation: The Word of God is Solid.....VT 399
- Worship in Song:
 - Children of the Heavenly Father.....VT 517
 - Like a Mother Who has Borne UsVT 518
 - Spirit of the Living GodVT 740
- Offering
- Children's Time Libby Baumgartner
- Scripture Reading..... Evie Regier
 - The first reading: adapted from Jeremiah 31:2-22
 - The second reading: Matthew 2:13-18
- Teaching Rebecca Barrett-Fox
 - “And all of Jerusalem with him”:*
 - Solidarity with children as an act of survival*
- Communion
- Sharing and Praying Together “O God, hear us”
- Closing Song: Be Thou My Vision.....VT 549
- Benediction:Blessing of the Weeping Mothers

Contributions Jan 29: General Fund: \$3089 Jr. Youth: \$100
 Preschool Fund: \$35.82 College Scholarship Fund: \$170

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>
Worship leader	Christy SS	Megan T
Song leader	Vicki L	Melodie T
Musicians	Ian GG	Rhonda H & Michelle V
Sound & video	George K & Galen M	Jair H & Micah H
Children's time	Libby B	Kristin NE
Speaker	Rebecca BF	Renee R
Care of building	Galen & Becky M	Bernard & Evie R
Communion Servers	Rhonda H, Ruth M, Steve M and Mona K	n/a

Scripture for Feb 12th: Ephesians 5: 21-33. The theme will be exploring together the troubling text of submission within partnerships from a feminist perspective.

There will be no **Congregational Meeting** in February.

Communion: We serve grape juice and gluten free pretzels for communion. All are welcome to participate.

Craft and Hang Out Group: This is a group that is open to everyone. All ages welcome! Meet in the basement after worship on Feb 5 or Feb 19. Sometimes people bring a lunch. Some folks have knitting, collage projects, coloring or other crafts. Sometimes people want to just fellowship.

The **Congregational Care Team** will meet on Thursday evening. If you have questions or concerns you would like to add to their agenda, please let Audrey know.

Our **Ash Wednesday Service** will be Feb 22 at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to come to the sanctuary or join us on Zoom. Audrey will lead this service.

Sharing Box: This past week, a door was torn off and the plexiglass was broken. Thank you, Andy Brown, for fixing the doors. The Sharing box is ready once again for your donations of food and personal care items. We ask that you continue to bless the givers and receivers.



NCFC COVID PLAN UPDATE

After prayerful discernment, the Administration Team has approved the following mask use statement effective February 12, 2023:
 "Because at New Creation Fellowship Church, during this time of COVID, we work to be a congregation that welcomes people who are immunocompromised, who hold anxiety because of pandemic health, or are disabled, and because we are aware of inequalities present in our healthcare system, we are mindful in our practice of masking and we recommend that you join us in this practice." *This masking plan will be in effect for a 3-month trial period (Feb. 12 to April 30) and Admin team will re-assess at the end of that time. The plan may be adjusted at any time based on circumstances at the time. The plan applies to gatherings in the Sanctuary. We are grateful for the rich discussion thus far and welcome all feedback and further conversation.*

Thank you, Admin Team (Michelle, George and Megan T.)

Peace Connections Soup Supper and Dessert Auction is on Thursday Feb 16 at Newton Nazarene Church, 1000 N Main. Soup supper by donation is at 5:30 and Dessert auction at 6:15.



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 26th **Annual KS MCC Run for Relief** on Saturday, April 15, 2023. We would love to see you all again at this event. The entry form is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. See Facebook page (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale-Run/Walk for Relief 5K), for updates.

KIPCOR Film Series presents *No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin*, on Sun., Feb. 19 at 2 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. This film looks at the legendary 101-year-old park ranger's inspiring life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. An audience talkback will follow the screening. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

Visit the **Camp Mennoscah** website for information on upcoming events:
<https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/About%20Us>
 Spring Scrapbook and Craft Retreat: March 10 -12
 Youth Volunteer Weekend: March 24-25
 Men and Boys Retreat: March 31- April 2

