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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 WDC's Gifts Discernment Committee as it discerns nominees for elected positions in WDC, and for those who are called by the Spirit to offer their gifts and leadership in our conference's ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Kate Widmer, who is part of a team that works alongside the residents of a low-income area in eastern France, through the outreach programs of The Prairie Church of Montbéliard. Pray for her and the neighbors she relates to through sewing classes, a bookstore and café, and mentoring young people.

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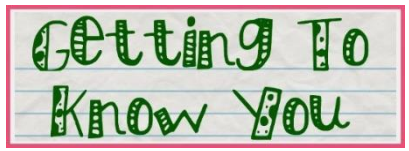
February 9, 2025



Prelude: Cast Out, O Christ, ... VT 285

Opening song: You Are Salt for the Earth..... VT 297

Welcome and announcements

Meditative music: Fierce Raged the Tempest..... VT 286

Come All Ye People..... VT 2

Offering

Scripture ..... Matthew 5:1-16

Children's time ..... Kristin Neufeld Epp
The credit card, the stranger and the child.

Getting to Know You
What brought you to New Creation and why have you stayed?
What do you hope for in the next year for New Creation?

Sharing and praying together ..... *O God, hear us*

Sending song: Blest Be the Tie That Binds ..... VT 831

Benediction

Notes about today's service: Ian GG, representing the Congregational Care Team, will ask the questions. The invitation is to speak from the heart. Only say whatever you feel comfortable sharing. Today's service will not go on YouTube or the website.

Today's "not a sermon" circle is a sort of a condensed version of a congregational meeting. We have congregational meetings one Sunday a month at 9am. *Everyone is invited.* You don't have to be a member to take part in decision-making or to serve on a leadership team.

February 2 Contributions: General Fund: $156.00 Sharing Fund: $75.00
Preschool Fund: $287.05

	February 9	**February 16**
Worship leader	Megan T	Audrey R
Speaker		Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Krista M	Chuck N
Musicians	Ian GG & Aaron R	Bonnie N
Children's time	Kristin NE	
Audio & video	Rich S & Galen M	Andy B & Aaron R
Childcare	Emily B & Ruby O	Brenda M & Olivia E
Care of building	Schrag/Oswald	Ratzlaff family

Childcare is provided following Children's Time for children 2nd grade and younger. Children and childcare providers will return to the sanctuary at 12:00 noon and reunite with their families.

Pastor Shana will be out of town through Feb 10. If you have a pastoral need, please contact someone on the Congregational Care Team (Kristin NE, Ruth SM or Ian GG)

Household Items Needed: There is a member of our community who has an ongoing need for household items (toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc.). Please consider bringing those items to the Household Items Box at the back of the sanctuary. Donations to the Sharing Fund are welcome as always and will be used if there aren't any items available and there is a need. Please see anyone on the Congregational Care Team with questions (Kristin NE, Ruth SM or Ian GG).

Our next **Breakfast Potluck** will be on Sunday February 23 at 9:30 am.

Scholarships: Everence offers post-secondary scholarships. Students, their parents, or a legal guardian must own or be using an Everence product. Eligible high school seniors or current college or technical program students can be chosen to receive one of more than 40 scholarships of $3,000, $2,000 or $1,000. Applications are accepted through Feb. 28 for the coming academic year. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships for more information and to download the application.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: We are collecting coins to help with MCC food projects. Bring your loose change to the big bottle at the back of the sanctuary. Look for a child who might enjoy sliding the coins in the bottle!

Summer Internship Opportunities: Mennonite Central Committee is offering exciting 2025 summer internship opportunities designed to provide hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact. Over the course of 10–12 weeks, interns will gain valuable skills, explore their interests, and contribute to meaningful projects in areas like human resources, historical exhibit development, immigration, climate communications, global service learning, and the sewing room. This is a unique opportunity to grow professionally while engaging in work that matters. Don't miss out—learn more and apply today! Apply Here

MCC's SALT program offers a year-long, cross-cultural experience for those aged 18-30, where they can immerse themselves in a new culture, serve in a meaningful way and gain valuable skills. Best of all, there's no cost to participate! Encourage them to explore this unique opportunity and apply by Feb. 15, 2025. Learn more at mcc.org/SALT.

Mennonite Disaster Service 75th Anniversary Celebration at Ridgepoint Church, 8000 West 21st North, Wichita on Friday, February 14 at 7:00 pm! Be inspired by stories from the past 75 years about MDS volunteers living into our mission to respond, rebuild and restore hope after disasters. This event is free and open to everyone. The program features guest speakers, highlights from the past decades and the combined voices of choirs from Bethel, Hesston and Tabor Colleges.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to join them for their annual Verenike Supper on Sat., February 22, from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. The church is located at 427 W. 4th St. in Halstead. Both dine-in and carry-out options will be available (carry-out is available on the west side of the church on Santa Fe street). Proceeds from the meal will go to the MCC Relief Sale as well as First Mennonite's youth groups and service trips.

KIPCOR Film Series presents *The Third Harmony*, on Sun., Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.,at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The 44-minute documentary directed by Michael Nagler is a study of nonviolence in academic and practical terms. Audience talkback follows with Keren Kandel, KIPCOR executive director.