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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 congregations and listening teams participating in WDC's conference-wide listening process to learn how God is at work in a diversity of church contexts, and to consider what resources WDC can offer to support congregational hopes and priorities for the future.

Mennonite Mission Network has launched a new fellowship and learning program, Just Peace Pilgrimages, to help participants enter more fully into God's justice and shalom. Pray that God's spirit will prepare the hearts and minds of all who join in the healing work of dismantling the oppressive structures in the United States.

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February 11, 2024



Opening song: I'm so GladHOS 22 / screen

Welcome and announcements Anthony Horsch

Call to worship screen

Music for meditation

Scripture Mark 9:2-9

Songs of reflection:

You are the Vine screen

I Want to Walk with You, Jesus.....HOS 130 / screen

We Are One in the Spirit VT 387

My Soul Cries Out VT 412

Offering

Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp

ScriptureJohn 17:22-23 and Romans 12:1-2

Sermon Chuck Neufeld
Dance to the tension of a world on the edge!

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Sending song: Freedom is Coming screen

Benediction

Contributions Feb 4: General Fund: \$651

	<u>February 11</u>	<u>February 18</u>
Worship leader	Anthony H	Audrey R
Speaker	Chuck N	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N	Krista M
Children's time	Kristin NE	
Audio & video	Ruth M, Andy, Aaron V	George & Aaron V
A / V runner	John M	Chuck N
Childcare	Emily B & Jair/Carla H	Olivia E & Norm L
Care of building	Bernard & Evie R	Millers

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.

Our **Ash Wednesday Service** will be Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to join us in the sanctuary or us on Zoom.



The next **Congregational Meeting** will be Feb. 18 at 9:00 am. Pastor Shana will continue leading our discussion on sustainability that we began in January.

Pastor Shana is at the BIPOC Hope for the Future Conference Feb. 9-11 in Dallas, TX. This annual gathering brings together Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) leaders connected to Mennonite Church USA from across the nation. If you have a pastoral need while they are out of town, please contact someone on the Congregational Care Team: Kristin, Audrey or Ian.



Mennonite Education Agency has released its **2024 Lent at Home** worship guide and calendar, available for download at the MEA website: <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>.

Are you interested in building a more equitable WDC? We are forming a new **Dismantling Racism Action Team** that could use your help. This group will follow up on the recommendations of the WDC antiracism audit team. We seek to educate, consult, and advocate throughout WDC for conference practices that distribute access and power across the diverse cultural representation of WDC. If you are interested, please contact the team's staff liaison, conference minister Heidi Regier Kreider (heidirk@mennowdc.org).

Ulrich Zwingli Film to be Shown February 18: We have a rare opportunity to see a film about Ulrich Zwingli, a priest in the Reformed Grossmunster Church in Switzerland, who opened scripture to the common man. It has been released in cinemas around the world and Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association has permission to show it here. "The Reformer" movie will be shown at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge, at 4:00 p.m. on Sun, Feb 18. There is no charge, and all are welcome.

Peace Connections and Harvey County Circle of Hope are looking for Volunteer Allies to match with individuals or families who are on the journey out of poverty. If YOU would like to provide intentional friendship to someone as they work toward their goals and write hope into their future story, please join us on Tuesday evenings to learn more. This is a great opportunity to build resources and grow connections, as well as increase economic stability in our community. The Volunteer Ally listens and encourages, without judgment, to Circle Leaders working to make positive changes in their life, and a focus on future goals during their 18-month match! Check out more information at www.peaceconnections.org/volunteer or 316-284-0000.

Global Voices Tour, MCC and the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative bring you Climate Action for Peace! Join us to hear MCC partners Caroline Pugini from Zimbabwe and Victor Odinda from Cambodia share about how their work supports people in adapting to the challenges of climate change. You have several opportunities to engage with our guests! They will share at: Showalter Villa Chapel, Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m., Shalom Mennonite Church, Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m., Bethel College convocation, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. and at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. Learn more at <https://mcc.org/events/global-voices-tour-climate-action-peace>.

Prairie View Inc. will receive 15% of fundraiser sales during this fundraiser to help us continue providing behavioral healthcare in our community. Participate on Feb 20, 2024 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm by ordering digitally or at the physical Freddy's restaurant, 520 SE 14th St Newton. To participate digitally, order on the Freddy's mobile app or website using the code GIVEBACK. To participate at the restaurant, tell the cashier of your participation.

