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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 youth pastors, leaders and sponsors in WDC congregations, as they accompany and encourage young people growing as followers of Jesus in today's world.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, members of the Community of Anabaptist Theological Institutions will gather for a four-day meeting in Mexico. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the leaders of Anabaptist seminaries in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and the United States, as they collaborate to expand Spanish-language opportunities for church leadership development.

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## February 18, 2024

### First Sunday in Lent



Prelude

Gathering song: In the Morning When I Rise..... StJ 45

Welcome, introductions and announcements

Invitation to Lent

Meditative music

Fill Us with Your Feast..... VT 309

Down to the River to Pray..... VT 453

Here by the Water..... VT 629

Scripture ..... Genesis 9:8-17

Offering

Children's time ..... Julia Long

Sermon ..... Pastor Shana Green  
*A Possibility of Hope*

Time for reflection: Slowly Turning, Ever Turning ..... StJ 23

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

Sending song: Just a Closer Walk with Thee ..... VT 743

Blessing

**Contributions Feb 11-12:** General Fund: \$4311    Sharing Fund: \$75  
Preschool Fund: \$41

	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Megan T
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	
Song leader	Vicki L	Chuck N
Musicians	Krista M	Bonnie N
Children's time	Julia L	Melodie H
Audio & video	George K & Aaron V	Rich S & Galen M
A / V runner	Chuck N	Mona K training Ruth M
Childcare	Olivia E & Norm L	Emily B & Brenda M
Care of building	Galen M & Becky M	Megan T & Ian GG

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 4th Sunday of the month **Breakfast Potluck** will be Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

Our **Sharing Box** is one way we can show love and care in our community. Canned vegetables, canned meats, canned fruit and personal care items go fast. Dry beans linger in the box. Kid-friendly items (crayons, books or treats) are great also. Blessings to all who give and receive.



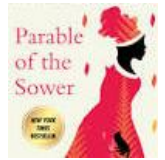
**Congregational Care Team** will meet on Tuesday, Feb 20. If you have something to add to their agenda for discussion, please contact Kristin or Audrey.

**Worship Serving Unit** will meet via Zoom on Wednesday evening. Anyone is welcome to attend with no pressure to "officially" join the group. If you'd like to come share your ideas, let Megan T. know.



The Craft and Hang Out Group will meet Feb 18, March 3 and March 17 after worship. Bring lunch and a craft project if you wish. Come for some fellowship. For your future planning, on Sunday March 17th, Elizabeth E will be providing opportunities for magazine collage, including materials for creating a vision board, a personal collage, or any other magazine-collage you can imagine. Elizabeth will provide magazine clippings but feel free to bring any images or magazines you want for your project or to share. Magazine collage is for everyone, no "art" experience is required! Collage is a fun way to transform images into something new.

The NCFC **Book Club** is reading the *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. It's not too late to start reading the book and join us on Feb 28 to discuss chapters 9-18.



Registration is now open for the summer camps at Camp Mennoscah. Camp starts for children going into the 3rd grade. If youth are interested in attending, the church will pay 1/2 the camp fee. If a family is not able to contribute the other 1/2 of the fee, then a sharing fund request can be submitted. See Krista M if you have questions. Register on-line at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**KIPCOR 50th-anniversary Peace Lecture with Christina Swarns**, on Fri., March 1 at 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. Swarns is the executive director of Innocence Project and former litigation director for the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund and will speak on "Justice Delayed is Democracy Denied."

A one-day endowed **Justice Symposium** at Bethel College, focusing on the U.S. carceral and criminal justice system, with Christina Swarns, executive director of Innocence Project, and a variety of other voices on the death penalty, prosecution and racial justice; on Sat., March 2 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on the Bethel campus. The symposium is free but pre-registration is required by going to <https://kipcor.org>



