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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 staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.

Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

New Creation Fellowship Church
 February 19, 2023



Prelude Krista Murray
 Opening Song: How Firm a Foundation VT 592
 Welcome and Announcements Megan Thompson
 Meditative Music and Lighting the Peace Lamp
 Here by the Water VT 629
 I Am the Bread of Life VT 480
 Scripture Reading... Exodus 4:10-11, Luke 6:6-11, John 5:1-9
 Teaching..... Mitch Stutzman
 What Needs Fixing?
 Offering
 Children's Time..... Kristin Neufeld Epp
 Lift Dedication..... George Krievins
 Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"
 Closing Song: How Many Times We Start Again..... VT 553
 Benediction..... Megan Thompson

Contributions Feb 12: General Fund: \$370

	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	?
Song leader	Vicki L & Melodie T	Chuck N
Musicians	Krista M	Bonnie N & Aaron R
Sound & video	Andy B and Aaron R	George K & Aaron V
Children's time	Kristin NE	?
Speaker	Mitch S	Vicki P
Care of building	Ruth & Steve M	Rhonda & Anthony H

Scripture and theme for Feb.26th: Marvin and Ruth's daughter, Vicki Penner, will be bringing the message on Feb 26th; *Grasping the Wildly Extravagant Life Gift*. She will be preaching from the following scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7, Matt 4: 1-11 and Romans 5: 12 – 19.

Intergenerational Fellowship Time: Sundays at 10am in the basement or under the pavilion as weather allows. Bring your own drink from home or enjoy a hot drink from the cart.

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.



New student volunteer at New Creation Preschool: Emily Brandt is a Junior Social Work student at Bethel College who will be spending most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at preschool. You may have seen Emily at Mojos Coffee Shop over the past years where she works as a barista. Some of you may even know her mom, Jill Litwiller who has been a pediatric nurse practitioner for over 20 years! We are grateful to continue partnering with Bethel College as a place for experiential learning. As with all our volunteers, Emily will be supervised at all times and not be left alone with children at any point. So far the children have responded very warmly to Emily and we have appreciated her ability to connect with them already.

Dillons Community Rewards: Did you know that you can support New Creation Preschool with your Dillons Plus Card? Go to your Dillons account and select New Creation Preschool.

Every time you shop for groceries at Dillons and scan your Plus Shopper's card, New Creation Preschool will automatically earn a rebate.



Masks Recommended: We are mindful in our practice of masking and we recommend that you join us in this practice.

The **Bethel College Concert Choir** *Tour Send-off* Concert will be on Sun., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., in Memorial Hall. Stephany M and Edel M will be singing.

Andy Brown is participating in the Art Market Saturday February 25 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Mark Arts in Wichita.

As the new **Everence** advocate for New Creation, I would like to report on 2022 assistance. Thanks to our previous advocate, Clark Oswald, the Everence Sharing Fund provided \$3000 in matching funds to support special needs last year, particularly for low-income recipients of New Creation Preschool services. I will try to update you in future months about other services that Everence offers. Last year 71% of the NCFC congregation made use of widely varied products or services from Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union. Purchase of these products and services help fund the Everence Sharing Fund. For more information or questions, feel free to contact me at mkrievins54@gmail.com or browse and take related literature found below the bulletin board at the back of church sanctuary. – Mona K

Lent at Home Resource: "Created in the Image of God, Shaped By Jesus" is the theme of the Lent at Home 2023 worship guide and daily ritual calendar, now available at the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) website, <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/Resources/Pages/Lent-at-Home.aspx>.

Camp Mennosciah summer youth camp registration is open and is receiving registrations. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer--it's not a coconut! There are registration forms at the back of the sanctuary.

The February **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. Read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. <https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

Newton Et Cetera Shop welcomes your donations at our back door Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:00 and Sat. 9:30-3:00. We're happy to help you find new homes for your gently-used clothing, furniture, home goods, toys, books, movies, small electronics, and more. Your donations help to support people in need in our community and around the world through the work of our local partners and Mennonite Central Committee!

LITANY OF DEDICATION for the Accessibility Lift
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1 YOU ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE! Each week we proclaim these words as one expression of our mission statement that: as a community, we are called to invite and embrace *all* people with God's love.

ALL: All are welcome in this place!

1 Today we dedicate this lift to God's work of loving and welcoming others through our community.
2 We give thanks for the Love of God that we have received.
3 We give thanks that we have this opportunity to demonstrate and embody God's Love.
4 We give thanks for this space—and all who enter its doors.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

1 This was a project of many hands, many heads, and many hearts.
2 Many hands demolished the old and constructed the new.
3 Many heads planned and organized what needed to be done.
4 Many hearts, inspired by God's love, shared their resources of time, finances, and prayer.
ALL: We open our hands, our heads, and our hearts.

1 This lift expresses our desire to be a community that connects people,
2 that removes barriers,
3 that asks questions and adapts behaviors,
4 that offers true belonging to God's many people.
1 We've worked to make our building accessible to those with mobility issues, but there is still more work to do to be a fully inclusive community. So, as we dedicate the lift:
ALL: we re-dedicate ourselves to this work of inviting and embracing, welcoming and including.

1 Through using this lift, in all our ministries, and in our ongoing life as New Creation Fellowship Church, may we continue to discern how to follow Jesus,
2 how to build friendships and kin-ships,
3 how to call forth and honor each other's gifts,
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