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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 Church Planting Commission members as they endeavor to foster meaningful relationships between sister churches. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network Terrorists continue to attack peaceful populations in Burkina Faso, as the citizens work in their fields and worship in churches, placing the country at the top of the Global Terrorism Index. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for an end to the violence and for healing for the thousands of people who have been traumatized by seeing loved ones murdered. Pray, also, for the witness of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso in this time of crisis.

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February 23, 2025



Prelude Music

Opening Song: Jesus Loves Me VT 516

Welcome and Announcements

Meditative Music

Singing:

O Healing River VT 706

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms VT 160

Like a Rock VT 63

Offering: Love the Lord Your God VT 288

Children's Time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Scripture Matthew 13:31-32

Intergenerational Worship Time Activities

Sharing and Praying Together *O God, hear us*

Sending Song: All Things Bright and Beautiful VT 177

Benediction

February 23 Contributions: General Fund: \$352

	<u>February 23</u>	<u>March 2</u>
Worship leader	Pastor Shana G	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Intergenerational Activites	Gordon H interviews Emily J
Song leader	Vicki L	Krista M
Musicians	Rhonda H & Michelle V	Ian GG
Children's time	Kristin NE	Janice R
Audio & video	Ruth M & Aaron V	Rich S & Galen M
Childcare	No childcare	Norm L & Olivia E
Care of building	Dan, Leia and family	Stephany & Seth M
Communion servers	n/a	Audrey R, Andy B, Bonnie N & ?

Childcare is generally provided following Children's Time for children 2nd grade and younger. However, there will be no childcare TODAY, Feb 23. Children are invited to participate in the Intergenerational Service.

The next **Congregational Care Team** is meeting on Tues, Feb 25. If you have questions, concerns or ideas, please contact: Ian GG, Ruth SM or Kristin NE.

Pastor Shana invites you to the Zoom **Book Club** which meets on Feb. 26 at 6:30 pm. They will discuss pages 111-203 in *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. You are welcome to join even if you haven't read the book or haven't attended the previous session.

During our **worship service on Sunday, March 2**, Gordon Houser will be interviewing Emily Judd. This is a great way for us to get to know each other better.

Our **Ash Wednesday Service** will be Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to join us in the sanctuary or us on Zoom. If you are joining via Zoom and would like to receive ashes in the mail, please let Brenda know by Tues, Feb 25. We look forward to observing this holy season together, whether in-person or online.

There are **COVID tests** at the back of the sanctuary. Take what you need.

The ***Prone to Wander*** Lent devotional books by Joanna Harader are now available! The cost of the book is \$13. If you'd like a copy, please see Pastor Shana. If you prefer to pay by check, you can make it payable to the church.

Our next **Congregational Meeting** will be March 9 at 9:00. All are welcome to attend. More details will be coming later.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The February edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires and recent flooding in Kentucky plus a recap of our 75th Anniversary celebration. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3X9niXI>

Please pray for **MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia** that are experiencing catastrophic flooding. Torrential rain Feb. 15-16 filled creeks and rivers, causing significant flooding. MCC staff report that most residents lost power and water. Appalachia Build staff are working with partner churches at our sites in Kimball, West Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky, that are serving as temporary shelters. Support MCC's efforts in the region: mcc.org/donate-appalachia Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: mcc.org/appalachia-build

The **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is April 11 & 12, 2025 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Below is some information about donating plants and things for quilter's corner. If you have any questions or items to donate, see Rhonda Horsch.



Donate Plants! Anything that grows is welcome such as bulbs, trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, vegetable starts or herbs. Also needed are the things that accompany plants.

Quilter's Corner welcomes your donations. These used/unused/unfinished items that will be sold to generate funds for MCC relief work.

Suggested items:

- finished/unfinished quilt tops or blocks
- old and damaged quilts
- linens
- quilt magazines (2014 – current)
- quilt patterns
- notions
- quilt supplies and tools
- cloth sacks
- quilt books
- cotton fabric

Be a part of the 28th annual **Run for Relief** Saturday April 12, 2025, 8:00 AM at Rice Park in Hutchinson. This is a 5k walk, jog or run for all ages and abilities. Proceeds go to fund MCC relief work. For more information, see poster on the bulletin board.

