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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:** Prayer for our current church planters and for those that feel called to undertake this ministry. Also, prayer for the developing opportunity to travel to Guatemala to support and encourage our WDC church plant in that location. Prayers for resolve to continue the day to day challenges of planting churches. -WDC Church Planting Commission

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Jae Young Lee, Karen Spicher and their children, who live and work for peace from their home in the Peace Building in South Korea. Pray for them and all the ministries housed in the Peace Building — restorative justice programs, Grace and Peace Mennonite Church and Circle Café & Bakery.

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## February 25, 2024



## Second Sunday in Lent

- Prelude
- Gathering song: Jesus, Won't You Come By Here ..... screen
- Welcome, introductions and announcements
- Meditative music
- Rock of Ages ..... screen
- Scripture ..... Mark 8:31-38
- Offering
- Children's time ..... Melodie Tucker
- Teaching ..... Megan Thompson  
*Question of the Day*
- Time for reflection: Slowly Turning, Ever Turning ..... StJ 23
- This Too Shall Pass ..... video
- Sharing and praying together ..... *O God, hear us*
- Sending song: Yodel Song ..... screen
- Benediction

**Contributions Feb 18:** General Fund: \$167

	<b><u>February 25</u></b>	<b><u>March 3</u></b>
Worship leader	Megan T	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Megan T	Audrey R
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N	Rhonda H
Children's time	Melodie H	Janice R
Audio & video	Rich S & Galen M	Galen M & Aaron R
A / V runner	Mona K training Ruth M	Andy B
Childcare	Emily B & Brenda M	?
Care of building	Megan T & Ian GG	Janice R & Eldon E
Communion	n/a	Marvin P, Elizabeth E, ? & ?

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 **Scriptures for Sunday, March 3** are Mark 1:9-15 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29. Audrey's theme/title is "Examine yourselves, Beloved. It's Good News!" She acknowledges that this is not in the lectionary for this third week of Lent, but it's where she feels the Spirit's energy. She prays it will be meaningful for us all as we prepare ourselves to receive and celebrate Communion together.

**New Creation Preschool:** For the first time in well over a decade the preschool serving unit in conjunction with the admin team have decided to raise tuition effective 24-25 school year. This has been received very positively with no pushback from families for which we are grateful. This increase in tuition will generate more income and thus benefit our overall church budget. If you want more details or understanding feel free to ask Kristin.

**Childcare:** Would you be willing to help with childcare during worship? We need a few more people to volunteer for once-a-month childcare. Contact Brenda if you are interested.

The NCFC **Book Club** will meet on zoom on Wed, February 28 at 6:00 pm to discuss chapters 9-18 of the *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler.

**MCC** partner, Team Brownsville, is asking for your gently used winter coats, jackets, and winter hats. (No other types of clothing needed). Many of the people they serve head to U.S. destinations where they will experience much colder climates than they are used to. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary to bring your coats, jackets and hats. If you have questions, see Pastor Shana.



**Camp Mennosciah:** If youth are interested in attending summer camp, 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.

**Bethel College Choir Tour Send-off Concert**, directed by Dr. Henry S. Waters, on Sun., March 3 at 4 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. The concert has the theme "Music Exploring American Identity" and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road.

**Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage:** The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to make a Lenten pilgrimage. Walk in prayerful solidarity with other Christians around the globe who are calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Raise money for relief work before you go. Walk 25 miles (in small stretches or in one day). This is the length of Gaza. Pray as you walk. For more details and to look for a pilgrimage in your area, go to: <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>.

**KIPCOR 50th-anniversary Peace Lecture with Christina Swarns** on Friday, 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."

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In the current issue: Kevin King shares his insights on Jesus passion for sharing meals, learn how MDS volunteers are finding additional work along the Texas border, and find out why one woman says MDS is the light of Canada. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/49pNHoc>

