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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 the retreat in San Antonio that the Church Planting Commission and conference minister Sandra Montes Martinez are planning. The event is called “Being the Church: Meeting our neighbors where they are,” and we pray that it bears fruit in encouraging emerging Anabaptist congregations in ministry that joins God in God’s work.

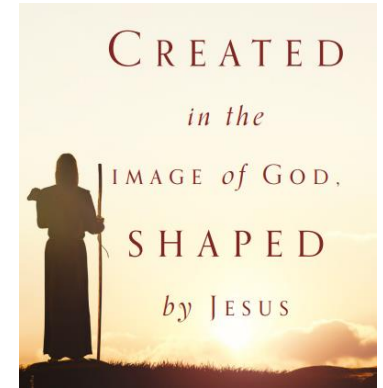
- WDC Church Planting Commission

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

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February 26, 2023

## Lent 2023



Prelude

Gathering Song: Come, Thou Fount.....VT 563

Welcome and Announcements..... John Murray

Meditative Music and Lighting the Peace Lamp

Songs of Worship:

We’ve Come This Far by Faith .....VT 599

When Pain or Sorry / Hold On .....VT 612

Lead Me, Guide Me .....VT 601

Scripture Reading ..... Romans 5:12–19 and Matt 4:1-11

Teaching..... Vicki Penner

*Grasping the Wildly Extravagant Life Gift*

Offering

Children's Time..... Kristin interviewing Marvin Penner

Sharing and Praying Together..... “O God, hear us”

Sending Song: Be still ..... StJ 75

Benediction..... John Murray

**Contributions Feb 19:** General Fund: \$4011 MCC paper goods: \$200

	<u>February 26</u>	<u>March 5</u>
Worship leader	John M	Bonnie N
Song leader	Chuck N	Krista M
Musicians	Bonnie N & Aaron R	Ian GG
Sound & video	George K & Aaron V	Aaron R & Galen M
Children's time	Kristin NE & Marvin P	Kristin NE
Speaker	Vicki P	Chuck N
Care of building	Rhonda & Anthony H	Brenda & Kelven M
Communion Servers	n/a	Andy B, Marvin P, ? and ?

**Worship Visuals for Lent:** We are grateful that Mona K will be providing our visuals for Lent. Here is a description of the visuals....

*Life shapes each of us. We are also created in the image of God, and shaped by the spirit of Jesus through the ups and downs of life. The Lenten visual elements at the front of the sanctuary evoke the theme of being shaped, as they have been shaped by water and time: river rocks, wood, shells, placed along a dry riverbed. The display will change slightly each week or so; feel free to examine it up close and even feel the shapes. The Christ candle at the front will be lit each Sunday throughout Lent and Easter. It also will change, with a different color of ribbon being unwrapped. This first Sunday of Lent, the red ribbon rolling off of that candle represents testing and temptation; as Jesus experienced in the desert, as we experience in life.*

**March 5<sup>th</sup> Sermon Title & Scripture:** *Shy of being sure*, John 3:1-17  
 Chuck Neufeld will be preaching and he says; "Next Sunday, we'll focus on the story of Nicodemus' clandestine meeting with Jesus. We'll examine what value doubts can have and explore what life-giving blessings can be ours when we ask the hard questions we're often scared to utter; questions like the one Nicodemus asked: "How can this be?" During this Lenten season, I pray we find ways of emulating Nicodemus, so that we too might find ways of sneaking away with Jesus — that we too might have the courage and sense of safety to ask our own "How can this be?" questions."

**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.

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



You are invited to join us as we journey through Lent with the theme: ***Created in the Image of God, Shaped By Jesus.*** This Lenten season, we invite you to ask, What does it mean for us to be the created and re-created images of God? How may we become authentically human?

**All members of the NCFC leadership teams** will be meeting together on Zoom on Saturday, March 4. If you have any questions or issues that you'd like to add to that agenda, please let Audrey know.

**Kansa Mennonite Relief Sale:** Our church is raising funds for biodegradable paper goods for the KMRS in April. Pledges can be given to Rhonda H or cash/checks can be made out to NCFC with MCC in the memo line by Mar.31. Thanks for considering a donation and thank you to those who have given.

**Camp Mennoscah:** It is time to register for summer camps. 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 Murray, if you have questions. Register on-line at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Health Ministries** wants to send their biggest heart-felt appreciation to you all for helping gather winter clothing items for the community. They had thousands of items donated and were able to distribute them all over - nine different sites here in town to be exact! You ALL helped fulfill this community centered mission to help our neighbors and brought so much joy to people!

**MCC Central States Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 4, 1-3 p.m.** You are invited to hear from MCC SALT alum Jason Schmidt and current IVEP participant Naomi Kwanza share about their MCC experiences. Naomi, from Tanzania is working at Jason's Grazing Plains Farm in rural Kansas acquiring skills for making cheese and other dairy products to use back in her home country. Catch up with MCC Central States staff, find out about work happening across the region, check out the MCC building progress and enjoy some Grazing Plains cheese! Please RSVP to [tinaschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) if you plan to attend. Thanks!

The **Goshen College Chamber Choir** will be performing a concert program "Lead with Love" at 7:00 PM on Sunday, February 26 at the First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, KS as a part of their 2023 Midwest tour.



