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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 four WDC Commissions as they work to resource congregations, equip ministers and congregational leaders, nurture emerging congregations, and encourage generous giving and stewardship to support WDC's mission.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Participants from three Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure units are in Newton, Kansas, for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.

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March 5, 2023



*The Christ candle at the front of the sanctuary is wrapped in orange to symbolize sunrise and new birth.*

- Prelude: Be at Rest. ....VT 532
- Gathering Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....VT 419
- Welcome and Announcements.....Bonnie Neufeld
- Meditative Music: Holy Presence, Holy Teacher .....VT 531
- Call to Worship .....VT 854
- Songs of worship:
  - Holy Spirit, Come with Power .....VT 57
  - I know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace .....VT 590
  - We Walk by Faith.....VT 588
- Children's Time ..... Kristin Neufeld Epp
- Offering
- Scripture Reading..... John 3:1-17
- Teaching..... Chuck Neufeld  
*Shy of Being Sure*
- Song of preparation for communion: Even Now ..... screen
- Communion
- Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"
- Sending Song: The Lord Lift You Up..... VT 832
- Benediction.....Bonnie Neufeld

**Contributions Feb 26:** General Fund:\$1091 MCC paper goods:\$220

	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>
Worship leader	Bonnie N	Megan T
Song leader	Krista M	Vicki L & Melodie T
Musicians	Ian GG	Rhonda H & Aaron R
Sound & video	Aaron R & George K	Jair/Shawna and Micah
Children's time	Kristin NE	Mona K
Speaker	Chuck N	Renee R
Care of building	Brenda & Kelven M	George & Mona K
Communion Servers	Andy B, Marvin P, Anthony H and John M	n/a

**March 12<sup>th</sup> Sermon Title & Scripture:** Renee R will be preaching from John 4:5-42. She will focus on Jesus's "living water" message that is first revealed to an unexpected source, the thirsty Samaritan woman.

**Intergenerational Fellowship Time:** Sundays at 10am in the basement or under the pavilion as weather allows.

**Communion:** We offer gluten free pretzels for communion.

March 12 **Congregational meeting** will be at 9:00 am - both in person in the sanctuary at church and on zoom. (There will be coffee and hot water available.) We will be discussing your ideas and hopes for a celebration of New Creation's 50th anniversary, which will be held in conjunction with our church retreat in October.

**Craft and Hang Out Group:** We meet in the basement after worship on March 5 and March 19. Sometimes people bring lunch. Some folks have knitting, collage projects, coloring or other crafts. Sometimes people want to visit. Everyone is invited!

**NCFC Family Events:** Please let us know if you have events involving the children, youth and adults in our NCFC family. If you have a sporting event, musical concert, or artistic exhibition AND would welcome attendance from our congregation, please send the details to Brenda and she will send out the information. This is another opportunity to support and connect with each other beyond our Sunday morning gatherings and small groups.

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

**Camp Mennoscah:** Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to the Youth Volunteer Weekend on March 24-25 for a focused time of worship and service. The retreat begins on Friday at 7pm with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High Camp program directors, will lead activities. Ben Woodward-Breckbill will lead worship times.

**Camp Mennoscah:** The [Amazon wish list](#) is list of camp needs and wants. The gift of items from the wish lists are a great way to continue to contribute to the mission of faith formation and relationship building.

**Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service:** Join in the Celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st, Newton. Kilometer 81 the singing group comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier will lead us in celebrating through song and music. We will hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This event will also be a fund-raising event for The MDS Cabinet Shop.

**Jerusalem Seminar Returns!** Bethel College and Tabor College are again collaborating on a trip to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, from December 26, 2023 - January 15, 2024. The four emphases of the trip are to (1) understand the Bible in its context, (2) learn about the three major religions of the area (Judaism, Islam, Eastern Christianity), (3) understand the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and (4) take time for reflection, worship, and prayer together. The tour will include over two dozen biblical sites, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and beyond! If interested, contact Peter Goerzen ([pgoerzen@bethelks.edu](mailto:pgoerzen@bethelks.edu)) or Doug Miller ([dougml@tabor.edu](mailto:dougml@tabor.edu)).

**SWAP:** Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer! MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. More information and registration at [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or (606) 634-4418.

**March 22 to 24 Melva Kauffman Lecture Series:** Hesston College will explore what restorative justice looks like and how it can be integrated into the world. Jonathan Swartz, director for Student Accountability & Restorative Justice at Eastern Mennonite University, will present. *What does restorative justice truly mean? How can one apply it in their life?* You can attend at Hesston Mennonite Church on March 24 at 11 am. The session is also available by live stream at [hesston.edu/formation](http://hesston.edu/formation).

