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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 Commissions meeting this month, as they provide ministries to support congregations and leaders in the conference.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Ecuador partnership meetings that are being held in Quito this week. Linda Shelly, regional director for Latin America, and Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships, have joined representatives of the Colombia Mennonite Church and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in meeting with Ecuadorian partners to discern how to best carry out God's vision in their communities.

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March 9, 2025



- Prelude Music
- Opening Song: There Is a Line of Women..... VT 546
- Call to Worship
- Welcome and Announcements
- Meditative Music
- Prayer of Confession
- Lighting the Peace Lamp
- The God of Sarah Praise VT 190
- Hope of Abraham and Sarah VT 807
- Offering: Love the Lord Your God VT 288
- Children's Time Audrey Ratzlaff
- Scripture..... Genesis 16:1-16
- Sermon Pastor Shana Green
Hagar Who Names God
- Sharing and Praying Together *O God, hear us*
- Sending Song: There Is More Love Somewhere VT 804
- Benediction Pastor Shana Green

March 2 Contributions: General Fund: \$766 Lift Inspection: \$100

	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Anthony H
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N, Michelle V & Branden S	Rhonda H
Children's time	Audrey R	Audrey R
Audio & video	Andy B & Aaron R	Ruth SM & Galen M
Childcare	Eliza E & Ruby O	Kelven M & Emily B
Care of building	Steve M & Ruth SM	Rhonda & Anthony H

Childcare is provided following Children's Time for children 2nd grade and younger.

Lenten Worship Visuals: Thank you to Emily Judd and Kennie Smith for the items to enhance our worship experience during this season of lent. Emily writes: "I am displaying artwork by Kathleen Peterson from the book *Girls Who Choose God*. The paintings highlight many of the women Joanna Harader focuses on in her book. Kathleen Peterson is an LDS artist whose work I have admired for many years and being able to bridge sacred art from my past religious experience to my current spiritual journey is very meaningful to me."

There are still copies available for purchase of our Lenten Book, ***Prone to Wander: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness*** by Joanna Harader. If you'd like a copy of the Lenten Book, please see Pastor Shana. The book is \$13. If you prefer to pay by check, you can make it payable to NCFC.

New Creation Preschool: Did you know that our preschool partners with Bethel College and the Social Work department? We currently have our third social work placement. This means that students from Bethel College spend time in our classroom to expand their social work skills and learn how our program works in the community. Kristin supervises them and meets regularly with the Social Work professors throughout the semester.

It is time to update the **church directory**. Please let Brenda know if you have changes to your contact information. Thanks!

Sharing Box: In honor of Fred Rogers' birthday in March, you are invited to bring food and personal care products to the sharing box. This is a great way to spread kindness in our neighborhood.



Pastor Shana's ministry extends way beyond the walls of our church. They recently wrote a post for the Mennonite Women USA's Women's Voices Blog entitled *Bring Your Whole Self*. Here is the link to read the entire article.

<https://www.mennonitewomenusa.org/post/bring-your-whole-self>

Shana writes, "We are not an afterthought in the divine imagination; we are a reflection of it. Our queerness, our transness, our Blackness, our difference, it is all holy."

Men & Boys Retreat is April 4-6, 2025, at Camp Mennoscah! Claim a place to sleep in the cabins, bunkhouses, or sleep in your own tent under the stars. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday lunch. Online registration will be available by March 15; registration can also be completed at camp. Contact Kevin at 316-322-5515 for more information.

KIPCOR Peace Lecture: A conversation with Sister Barbara McCracken on community, social responsibility and daily faith, on Thurs., March 27 at 7 pm., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. McCracken is a Benedictine from Mt. St. Scholastica, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training at Eden Mennonite Church (401 18th Ave, Moundridge), March 22, 8:30am-5pm. This event will provide information about and offer training to respond to youth experiencing a mental health crisis. Registration cost of \$25 includes the training, materials, snack, and lunch. Training provided by Prairie View. Register [HERE](#)

Mennonite Mission Network: You are invited to explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. The 2025 Racial Justice Pilgrimage – Underground Railroad will be July 13-19, 2025.

<https://www.mennonitemission.net/serve/placements/underground-railway-pilgrimage/>



July 13-19 | Register by June 1

Delve deeper into the struggle for freedom and explore the ways – both figurative and literal – people took in search of their emancipation. Explore the role that faith and faith communities played in helping enslaved people escape their bonds through compassion, sanctuary and aid. The pilgrimage will begin in Washington, D.C., and end in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

