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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 interim and transitional pastors in WDC, as they accompany congregations navigating change and discerning future pastoral leadership.

Mennonite Mission Network: From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

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March 12, 2023



The Christ candle at the front of the sanctuary is wrapped in blue to symbolize water.

- Prelude
- Gathering Song: Crashing Waters at CreationVT 441
- Welcome and Announcements..... Megan Thompson
- Meditative Music and Lighting the Peace Lamp
- Songs of Worship:
 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....VT 536
 - God Loves All His Many PeopleVT 767
 - O Let All Who Thirst..... Screen
- Children's Time Mona Krievins
- Offering
- Scripture Reading..... John 4:5-42
- Teaching.....Renee Reimer
Shaped Through Thirst
- Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"
- Sending Song: Jesus, Rock of Ages VT 622
- Benediction..... Renee Reimer

Contributions March 5–10: General Fund: \$3339
MCC paper goods: \$200 Sharing Fund: \$170

| | <u>March 12</u> | <u>March 19</u> |
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| Worship leader | Megan T | Megan T |
| Song leader | Vicki L & Melodie T | Chuck N |
| Musicians | Rhonda H & Aaron R | Bonnie N |
| Sound & video | Jair/Shawna and Micah | Andy B and Aaron R |
| Children's time | Mona K | Kristin NE |
| Speaker | Renee R | Mitch S |
| Care of building | George & Mona K | Ian GG & Megan T |

March 19th Scripture and Theme: Mitch S will be preaching from John 1:1-14. He will focus on being called to the Light.

Intergenerational Fellowship Time: Sundays at 10:00 am.

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. This is an opportunity to support and connect with each other beyond our Sunday morning gatherings and small groups.

Greeters wanted: Do you have an interested in occasionally passing out bulletins and helping folks feel welcome as they arrive for worship? The Congregational Care Team is looking for some people that would like to be a greeter. Let Brenda know if you are interested. All ages welcome.

March 19 Children's Church: Children/youth of all ages are invited to Children's Church after Children's Time. Depending on the weather we'll be in the basement or the pavilion with snacks, activities and time to play and visit. The care providers for March 19 will be Eliza and Kristin Neufeld Epp. Please contact Kristin with any questions or if you are interested in helping in the future.

Camp Mennoscah: 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 M if you have questions. Register on-line at campmennoscah.org.

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

Scholarships: Our church offers support to our high school graduates through a scholarship fund for those pursuing their first post-high school degree. The scholarship amount depends on the number of applicants and the amount donated. We need to have these donations by May 31 for the 2023-24 school year. If you wish to donate to the above budget fund, please make your check to NCFC with "college scholarship" written in the memo or designate any cash gift in the same way. We have heard many positive comments from past recipients - even when the amount is small - as it symbolizes a concrete way for them to experience our support. The scholarship application will be coming out soon. Return applications to Krista M by June 1.

The WDC Resource Library is looking for wrapping paper donations to be used in the summer reading program. Any holiday, any style--we'd be happy to use up some "vintage" odds and ends from your house. :) Email Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org if you have some to donate.

Midweek Activities: First Mennonite Church, Newton, has invited us to join them for midweek activities this spring. On Wednesday evenings, March 22, 29, April 12, 19, 26, a meal is served 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30-7:30 educational programming will be provided for all, aged 2 through adults. For adults, Pastor Laura will be leading sessions on the *Neighboring Initiative*. If you'd like more information, ask Audrey Ratzlaff.

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, or central.kansas@everence.com.

Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, will speak March 19, during morning worship at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge. He will give the sermon at 9:30 a.m. and will share his story during the Sunday school hour following. Virtual attendance for the worship service is also an option. Please email the Eden Church Office by March 17 for the Zoom link at edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

New Hope Shelter: We want you to join us for the groundbreaking on March 24th at 4:00 pm at 308 S. Meridian (south of Casey's). Construction of a permanent home for the shelter is finally beginning. The hopes, dreams, prayers and contributions have made this day possible.

