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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 representatives from WDC traveling to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings this week, as they join with others from across the church to listen, learn and discern together.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that MMN is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

*New Creation  
Fellowship Church  
March 17, 2024*



Prelude  
Gathering song: Just As I Am, without One Plea ..... VT560  
Call to worship  
Welcome, introductions and announcements  
Lighting peace lamp and meditative music  
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ..... VT 306  
A Clean Heart, O God ..... screen  
Don't Be Afraid ..... VT 596  
Offering  
Children's time ..... Janice Regier  
Scripture ..... Psalm 51:1-12  
Sermon ..... Pastor Shana Green  
*The Courage to Confess*  
Time for reflection: Slowly Turning, Ever Turning ..... StJ 23  
Sharing and praying together ..... *O God, hear us*  
Commissioning for Shana's attendance at CLC  
Blessing for the Hurst family  
Sending song: The Lord Is My Light ..... VT 437  
Blessing

**Contributions March 10:** General Fund: \$ 3125

|                  | <u>March 17</u>     | <u>March 24</u>        |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Worship leader   | Audrey R            | Anthony H              |
| Speaker          | Pastor Shana G      | Mitch S                |
| Song leader      | Krista M            | Chuck N                |
| Musicians        | Rhonda H            | Bonnie N               |
| Children's time  | Janice R            | Melodie T              |
| Audio & video    | Rich S & Galen M    | Rich & Aaron R         |
| A / V runner     | Chuck N             | John M                 |
| Childcare        | Olivia E & Brenda M | Emily B & Jair/Carla H |
| Care of building | Steve M & Ruth M    | Hurst Family           |

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.

**Scholarships:** As a church community, we support our high school graduates through a scholarship fund for those pursuing their first post-high school degree. We need to have these donations by May 26 for the 2024-25 school year. If you wish to donate to this 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 NCFC **Book Club** is reading the *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. It's not too late to start reading the book and join us via Zoom on March 27 at 6:00 pm to discuss chapters 19 to the end of the book.

The **Craft and Hang Out Group** is meeting TODAY March 17 after worship. Everyone is invited. Bring lunch and come for some fellowship. Elizabeth E will be providing opportunities for magazine collage, including materials for creating a vision board, a personal collage, or any other magazine-collage you can imagine. Elizabeth will provide magazine clippings.

**Pastor Shana will be out of the office** March 20 - 23 to attend the MC USA's Constituency Leaders Council in Goshen, IN. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact someone on the Congregational Care Team (Kristin, Audrey or Ian).

**Got Coins?** Put your loose change in the offering plate. The kids will put the coins in the MCC bottle. Your coins help with MCC projects!

**MCC Sale Children's Auction:** Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! (Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment). Give items to Rhonda for delivery to Sale.

Our **Maundy Thursday Service** will be on Thursday March 28th at 6:30 in the sanctuary or on zoom.



**March 31<sup>st</sup> schedule:**

- 9:00 am Potluck Breakfast
- 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:15 am Worship (note early start time)

**Easter flowers:** You are invited to bring fresh spring cut flowers to decorate the cross and the windowsills. The cross, a symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

**Easter Egg Help:** We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. Ways to help: 1) donate candy or candy filled eggs 2) help hide eggs and candy. Bring all plastic eggs and candy to the church kitchen any time before Easter morning. See Kristin if you want to help hide eggs on Easter morning.

**Bethel College's Faculty Lecture Series** continues with Jennifer Chappell Deckert, associate professor of social work, "Begin with the Body: Somatic Listening for Trauma Healing," on Fri., March 22 at 11 a.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village.

**Wingspan Game Night at Kauffman Museum** on Fri., March 22 at 7 p.m. All welcome, whether expert or beginner; those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult game partner. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for anyone 16 and younger, and includes snacks, beverages and Wingspan games to use. Held in conjunction with the museum's current special exhibition, "A Day with the Birds"; see <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/wingspan-game-night/>

