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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 WDC Church Planting Commission as it hosts a church planting summit in San Antonio this weekend with the theme Being the Church, Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.

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March 19, 2023



The Christ candle at the front of the sanctuary is wrapped in yellow to symbolize light.

Prelude

Gathering Song: See Whose Glory Fills the SkiesVT 274

Welcome and Announcements..... Megan Thompson

Meditative Music and Lighting the Peace Lamp

Jesus won't you come by here screen

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14

I want to walk as a child of the light..... StJ 95

You are not alone..... screen

Offering

Children's Time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Teaching..... Mitch Stutzman
Called to the Light

Sharing and Praying Together "O God, hear us"

Sending Song: This little light of mine screen

Benediction..... Mitch Stutzman

Contributions March 13: General Fund: \$1270
Scholarship Fund: \$100

	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Anthony H
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L and Melodie T
Musicians	Bonnie N	Krista M and Michelle V
Sound & video	Andy B and Aaron R	George K & Aaron V
Children's time	Kristin NE	Mona K
Speaker	Mitch S	Miles R
Care of building	Ian GG & Megan T	Norm & Vicki L

March 26th: Miles R will be preaching on the theme *Called to Life*.

Intergenerational Fellowship Time: Sundays at 10:00 am.

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. Please contact Kristin with any questions or if you are interested in helping.

Audrey Ratzlaff will be away from work March 20-26. She will be flying to Penn. for the closing retreat of her Gestalt Pastoral Care training course. If you have pastoral care needs during this time, please contact a member of the Congregational Care Team (Norm, Krista, Kristin) and for other church business, please consult other leadership teams or check in with Brenda.

Craft & Hangout Group will meet TODAY, Sunday March 19th after worship. 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. She will provide magazine clippings but feel free to bring any images or magazines you want for your project or to share. Magazine collage is for everyone, no "art" experience is required! Collage is fun way to transform images into something new.

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

Kansas MCC sale: We have been asked to provide 15 pies. The tins and packaging are at the back of the sanctuary. Rhonda H needs the pies by 8:00 am April 15. Most requested pies: rhubarb, berry, apricot, peach, raisin, pecan, pineapple and sugar free. Per the Health Department, we Can NOT accept pies made with dairy products. Call or text Rhonda will questions.

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.

Camp Mennoscah: Nurses and kitchen staff needed for summer youth camps from June 4 through July 21. Most people come out for a camp week, but we will also schedule partial weeks, as needed. Nurses must be an RN and can receive either a stipend or a camper discount. Kitchen staff receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees and need to be able to follow directions with a willing spirit. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

MDS: The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares: and MDS Canada returns to Cape Breton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>

Spring musical at Bethel College, tick, tick ... BOOM! on Fri., March 24, Sat., March 25, Sun., March 26 – by Jonathan Larson; *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Ticket purchase required (buy on campus weekdays at Thresher Shop, or online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts>)

Staley Lectures at Bethel College with Phuc Luu, a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, author of *Jesus of the East*. Sun., March 26 at 7 pm, "Ida B. Wells, the sinned against, and Minjung theology: African-American and Asian voices in harmony," *Administration Building chapel*; Mon., March 27 at 11 a.m., "Where does all the pain go?: God's broken body, trauma and the healing of *han*," *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*.

