

New Creation Fellowship Church

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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.

Lectionary text for March 28:

Isaiah	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians	Mark 14:1-15:47
50:4-9a		2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

Offering for March 15-19:

General: \$3225 Sharing fund: \$510

Western District Conference: Give thanks for pastors in WDC, and pray for God's strength and wisdom for them as they provide care, leadership and guidance for congregations in the face of many challenges.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SADRA Conflict Transformation, a branch of the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, which trains high school peer mediators. Pray for Director Oscar Siwali and the young mediators as they use their skills to build peace in their communities.

New Creation Fellowship Church 5th Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021



Speaker: Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Sermon title: *John's Risky Gospel*

Scripture: John 12:20-33

Maundy Thursday (April 1): You are invited to our *come & go* service based on our Lent Resources this year. This service honors the ancient story of Jesus' death while recognizing the ways this narrative repeats itself again and again throughout the past and present. It provides multisensory ways to engage, confess, and lament. There will be 10 stations that individuals and families can move through. We will have an online signup sheet for 15 minute periods throughout the day and evening.

Easter (April 4): There will be a digital worship and, weather permitting, a gathering outdoors in the afternoon.

Preschool: Join me in thanking Norm, Vicki, Bonnie, Brenda and Bonnie Epp (Jerry's mom) for volunteering every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays this school year. Every week we work on assembling boxes of supplies that have been sent out each month since September. Last week we started assembling the boxes for May, our last of this school year. This means they have filled 468 boxes, 1300 alphabet kit bags and 1014 journal kits with school supplies, snacks, toys and books. I am so grateful for their help this year. – Kristin

The March edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: MDS needs volunteers to help with plumbing repairs in Texas, the Spirit of MDS Fund is offering another round of funding for congregations in Canada and the Summer Youth Program is accepting applications from youth volunteers. [Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/3rYxwbR](https://conta.cc/3rYxwbR)

Camp Mennoscah: Preparation for the Amphitheater Improvement project was completed in the Summer of 2020 and we want to have the campfire ready for the summer. Work days are scheduled for the following days: March 26 to 27, April 2 to 3, April 9 to 10, May 14-15.

A Conversation About Justice & Peace for Palestine & Israel: The Western District Conference Israel - Palestine Task Force is hosting an informal *Conversation About Justice & Peace for Palestine & Israel*. The one-hour Zoom meeting will occur on April 13 at 7 pm CDT. The purpose of the meeting is to create a safe space where informal dialogue can occur with WDC Mennonite Churches. The agenda will include a welcome & overview, reflections on Gaza Twinning, a report on current conditions in Gaza and the West Bank, followed by breakout groups where discussions will take place. There is no cost to participate. To register for the meeting please email to wdc@mennowdc.org. A Zoom link will be provided. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Kathy Nuefeld Dunn at kathynd@mennowdc.org.