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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 God's presence, joy and wisdom to be with WDC staff as they gather tomorrow for a staff retreat.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

*New Creation Fellowship Church*  
*March 24, 2024*



Opening song: Siya Hamba ..... screen

Welcome, introductions and announcements

Meditative music

Scripture

Confession and call to worship ..... screen

Songs of the season:

We Cry Hosanna Lord, Hosanna Lord to You ..... screen

Hosanna, Son of David..... HOS 69 / screen

Hosanna (in the highest)..... screen

I Want to Walk with You, Jesus ..... HOS 130 / screen

Offering

Children's time ..... Melodie Tucker

Scripture ..... Luke 19:37-44

Message ..... Mitch Stutzman

*If only you knew...*

Sharing and praying together..... *O God, hear us*

Benediction

Closing song: You are the Vine ..... screen

**Contributions March 17:** General Fund: \$291    Scholarship Fund: \$20  
 Sharing Fund: \$75

	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31</u>
Worship leader	Anthony H	Audrey R
Speaker	Mitch S	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N	Chuck N
Musicians	Bonnie N	Bonnie N & Aaron R
Children's time	Melodie T	
Audio & video	Rich S & Aaron R	Andy B & Aaron V
A / V runner	John M	Ruth M
Childcare	Emily B & Jair/Carla H	Eliza E & Norm L
Care of building	Hurst Family	Krievins & Andy B

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. 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.



Our **Maundy Thursday Service** will be on Thurs. 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.

Our **Sharing Fund** balance is currently running low. Every contribution helps us provide mutual aid to our NCFC Community, if you're able, please consider giving to the fund.

Join the NCFC **Zoom Book Club** on March 27 at 6:00 pm. We will be finishing our discussion of the *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler.

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

Last week the Admin Team emailed the **NCFC Financial Update** and stated that at the end of February, NCFC was 2/3 of the way through our fiscal year which ends June 30, 2024. We are 11% behind budget on general contributions. We budgeted for \$67,320 in contributions, but so far have received \$56,736. **Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving to help fill the gap.** We look forward to discussing church finances at the April 14 congregational meeting and humbly invite you to join the fun!

**Stewardship Serving Unit:** After a several years off, Admin team has decided we need a SSU. We are looking for 2 or more additional volunteers to serve. Contact Pastor Shana or a member of admin team if you would like to volunteer or would like to suggest someone. The group will assist with gathering giving intentions from the congregation and provide information to the administrative team for developing the annual budget. In addition, they will help encourage wholistic stewardship all year round, not just during budget time. The current serving unit members are Krista Murray (treasurer) and Mona Krievins (Everence Advocate).

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4adqsxS>

**KIPCOR Film Series presents *Estamos Unidos*** on Sun., April 7 at 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The film by Alvaro M. Morales follows a migrant caravan's journey from Honduras to Mexico City in 2019. A talkback follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

Brenda M will be **out of the office**, March 29 – April 2. She will continue to monitor emails and send out prayer requests.

In the spirit of [Mennonite Action](#) efforts nationwide for the upcoming **March Week of Action (March 25-29)**, the WDC Israel Palestine Task Force and several member churches invite you, your congregation, family, friends, and allies to **join in another public peace witness at Senator Jerry Moran's office in downtown Wichita on Wednesday, March 27, approximately 10 am - 12 pm**



This peace witness will be centered around the theme “Send Aid, Not Bombs!” and asking Senator Moran to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza where 31,000+ people have been killed and 500,000+ more are suffering from imminent famine, starvation, and/or injuries. It will include praying and singing hymns together; presenting symbols of aid (bread, water, medicine, quilts, etc.) and the [U.S. Mennonites petition](#) for a permanent ceasefire; and finally making a direct ask for increased humanitarian aid, call for a ceasefire, a release of all the hostages and political prisoners, and an end to funding for weapons of war to Israel.

We will meet at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine St, at 10:00 am to review an event agenda before driving to a designated rendezvous location near Senator Moran's office. There may be a \$2-3 parking fee. This is a somber event, and we encourage participants to wear black. Organizers will provide a print agenda for the peace witness and we plan to finish by 12 pm.

**Contact Eva Lapp (574-312-0078), Bob Atchison (785-313-2292), or Kathy Neufeld Dunn (620-755-4331) for questions or to find out more.**

Other resources to learn about the Week of Action:

- [Mennonite Action Week of Action Toolkit](#)
- [Mennonite Action Ceasefire Messaging](#)

*“As followers of Jesus, we are called to organize for more than just a ‘ceasefire.’ God’s Shalom means not just an end to the bombing, but putting our resources towards Palestinians and Israelis living whole and free lives. And as Mennonites, we have a history of offering aid to the victims and survivors of war and genocide. This week of action mobilizes our congregations to combine our commitments to mutual aid and prophetic proclamation.” - Mennonite Action*



