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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: Like Paul in the book of Romans, we ask for your prayers for believers who share the good news of Jesus with their neighbors, for the volunteers and pastors who lead our congregations, and for the planters of the Gospel seed. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Naomi Tice. Naomi serves as the administrative assistant for volunteer placements with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), an agency that sends German youth to participate in Mission Network service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.

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March 26, 2023



The Christ candle at the front of the sanctuary is wrapped in green to symbolize life.

Prelude

Opening Song: Masithi AmenVT 90

Welcome and Announcements.....Anthony Horsch

Call to Worship

Songs of Reflection:

O Thou, in Whose PresenceVT 600

Let Us Give Thanks..... HOS 324

Shepherd Me, O GodVT 744

Nada te turbeVT 604

Offering

Children's Time..... Mona Krievins

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:17-25

Teaching..... Miles Reimer
Called to Life

Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"

Sending Song: Yes, in Joy You Shall Depart..... screen

Benediction

Contributions March 19: General Fund: \$ 499
 Audio/visual equipment fund: \$300 MCC paper goods: \$30

	<u>March 26</u>	<u>April 2</u>
Worship leader	Anthony H	Mona K
Song leader	Vicki L and Melodie T	Vicki L
Musicians	Krista M and Michelle V	Rhonda H
Sound & video	George K & Aaron V	Hurst family
Children's time	Mona K	Kristin NE
Speaker	Miles R	Mitch S
Care of building	Norm & Vicki L	Rodney & Carmina S
Communion	n/a	Carmina S, Audrey R, Galen M & ?
Children's Church	n/a	Eliza E & Norm L

Palm Sunday, April 2: Mitch S will be preaching from Matthew 21:1-11 on the Lenten theme *Called to Worship*. Mitch will help us ponder that sometimes the Jesus that shows up is not the Jesus that we anticipated. The Jesus who arrived on Palm Sunday and the Jesus who is hung on the cross less than a week later are the same man. What changed? How did that escalate so quickly? Who is this Jesus?

Audrey will lead our **Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:00 pm on April 6. All are welcome to attend in the sanctuary or on zoom.



April 9 Easter Sunday Schedule:

9:30 am Fellowship in the pavilion with hot beverages and sweet treats. There will be an egg hunt for the children on the playground.
 10:15 am Worship (note early start time)

Easter Help Needed: 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.



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

New Creation's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The date has been decided, so please reserve this weekend on your calendars: October 7-8, 2023. People have already offered some great ideas and volunteered to carry those out! The planning committee to coordinate all of this is Kristin N-E, Melodie T, and Mona K. They would like to put out a final call to see if one or two others are also interested. Then a first meeting of that group will be scheduled for the week after Easter. Please contact Mona by April 2 if you have interest.

Making Coffee: We are looking for volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings. Thanks to John Murray for putting a timer on our coffee maker! This means that the coffee pot will be hot and ready for folks to make coffee for our 10:00 Fellowship Time (rather than someone needing to come extra early to turn the machine on). If you would like to sign up to make coffee, please let Brenda know.



'Like' Newton Creation Fellowship Church on Facebook for announcements, pictures of church events, inspiration and preschool updates.

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. Call or text Rhonda H with any questions.

Poverty Simulation: Peace Connections is joining with Harvey County United Way to host a Poverty Simulation on Thursday March 30 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Before we can alleviate poverty, we must first understand it. Participants will be given scenarios to play out to better understand what it's like to live in poverty. We're looking forward to this engaging learning experience. The event is free, but please register to attend.

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2. Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. There will be a variety show on Saturday evening and a worship service on Sunday morning. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

