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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.*

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.

## PRAYER requests

**Western District Conference:** During this Easter season, give thanks for the living presence of Christ embodied by WDC congregations within their local communities

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The deadline to apply for MMN's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the US, will find a way to participate.

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## April 7, 2024



Opening song: There Is a Line of Women ..... VT 546

Welcome, introductions and announcements

Singing and praising:

Blessed Assurance ..... VT 435

Guide My Feet ..... VT 816

We've Come This Far by Faith..... VT 599

Offering

Children's time ..... Kristin Neufeld Epp

Scripture ..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 39 and Hebrews 12:1-2

Message ..... Pastor Shana Green

*Faith for the After*

Communion

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

Sending song: Love will guide us..... screen

Benediction: ..... Pastor Shana Green

**Contributions March 31:** General Fund: \$3176    Sharing Fund: 750  
 College Scholarship Fund: \$100    Camp Fund: \$100

	<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 14</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Cleo Koop with MDS
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L
Musicians	Ian GG	Krista M & Aaron R
Children's time	Kristin Neufeld Epp	Cleo Koop
Audio & video	George K & Galen M	Ruth M & Aaron V
A / V runner	John M	Chuck N
Childcare	Emily B & Kelven M	Oliva E & Jair/Carla H
Care of building	Rhonda & Anthony H	Ratzlaff family
Communion servers	John M, Steve M, Andy B and Ruth M	n/a

**Childcare** is provided following "children's time" for children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger. There is a diaper changing table and nursing rocking chair available in the south room of the basement.

**Communion:** We serve gluten free pretzels and grape juice. Everyone is invited to participate.

**Scholarships:** As a church community, we support our high school graduates through a scholarship fund for those pursuing their first post-high school degree. The scholarship amount depends on the number of applicants and the amount donated. 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.

**Thank you** to everyone who provided treats for the Easter Egg Hunt! There were over 250 things for the children to find. You all showed up!

**Sharing Box:** You are invited to bring food, personal care items and books to our sharing box. It is a small way to show love and care to our community.

The next **Congregational Meeting** will be April 14 at 9:00 am. We will continue our discussion about sustainability with the topic church finances.

**During the service today:** We invite those present and on Zoom to consider any symbolic way that the small weaving hanging at the communion table may reflect your involvement at New Creation, or simply what you note about it that reminds you of this church. The pink or yellow cards at ends of pews and the Chat feature of Zoom will be used for this activity.

**NCFC Book Club:** Pastor Shana announced the next book - Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds by Adrienne Maree Brown. Now is the time to obtain the book in your preferred format or the Newton Public Library will have copies for you to check out. So, start reading and get ready for the discussion at 6:00 pm on the 4th Wed of each month.

**Stewardship Serving Unit:** The Admin Team has decided that they need help from the congregation in this way before they can propose a church budget by June of this year. We are looking for two more volunteers to serve. 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 new serving unit members are Krista Murray (church treasurer), Mona Krievins (Everence Advocate), and Megan Thompson (rep from Admin Team). We would like to have an initial meeting before April 17, so please email, text, or chat with Mona in the next week if you have interest or questions.

The **Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** is having a concert TODAY, Sunday April 7 at 4:00 pm in Memorial Hall at Bethel College. This 300-person choir gives concerts to benefit the relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee.

**Bluestem Communities** will host a summer Junior Volunteer program at both Kidron Bethel Village (North Newton) and Schowalter Villa (Hesston) for youth ages 12 to 17. The program runs from June 3 through July 26. Applications must be submitted by May 10. To apply or for more information, contact Haley Hamm at 316-836-4821 or [haleyh@bluestemks.org](mailto:haleyh@bluestemks.org).

**Position Opening:** Mennonite Mission Network is searching for an Executive Assistant (Full-time - In office, Hybrid in Newton). This role provides comprehensive administrative support to the Executive Director, acting as the primary liaison for internal and external communications and overseeing special projects and executive outreach efforts. If further interested or to apply, you may visit us at [www.MennoniteMission.net/about/employment](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/about/employment)

