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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: Pray for WDC ministers gathering this week for a retreat sponsored by the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission.

Mennonite Mission Network:
 JCS International, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in Mongolia, requests continued prayer for herder families, as they struggle to survive this year's dzud (winter disaster), which has caused suffering across 90% of the country, with more than two million animal deaths. Pray that transportation routes will open, so aid can be delivered to remote areas.

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April 14, 2024



Opening song: In the Morning When I Rise VT 499

Welcome, introductions and announcements

When Peace like a River VT 617

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms VT 160

Guide my feet VT 816

Offering

Children's time Cleo Koop

Scripture Genesis 6:5-9, 8:15-22

Message Cleo Koop

Noah....A Disaster Manager



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

Sending song: Great is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Benediction: Pastor Shana Green

Contributions April 7: General Fund: \$3515 Scholarship Fund: \$75

	<u>April 14</u>	<u>April 21</u>
Worship leader	Pastor Shana G	Elizabeth E & Shana G
Speaker	Cleo Koop with MDS	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Vicki L	Chuck N
Musicians	Krista M & Aaron R	Bonnie N & Michelle V
Children's time	Cleo Koop	
Audio & video	Ruth M & Aaron V	Rich S & Aaron R
A / V runner	Chuck N	Ruth M
Childcare	Oliva E & Jair/Carla H	Emily B & Brenda M
Care of building	Ratzlaff family	

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

NCFC Book Club: Our next book is *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds* by Adrienne Maree Brown. You are invited to start reading the book to get ready for the discussion on April 24th. If you want to hear more from the author, here is the link to a On-Being Podcast:

<https://onbeing.org/programs/adrienne-maree-brown-we-are-in-a-time-of-new-suns/>

Workday: The Hurst family will be moving to Sydney, Australia in a few months. Their small group will be hosting a workday on Saturday, April 27, to help them prepare. There will be tasks for all ages and skill levels including yard work, window washing, and general cleaning. More details will be coming soon. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in helping the Hurst family prepare for their international move. If you have questions, please contact Becky Miller or another member of Hursts' small group: Galen, Marv, Ruth P., Melodie, Jim, or Jean.

Our next **Breakfast Potluck** will be on April 28 at 9:30 am

Green candle: We light the green candle amid the white candles to represent those prayer concerns among us that may be quietly carried by an individual but might not be spoken aloud.

The Craft Group meets TODAY after worship. You are invited to join us!

Cleo Koop is the Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit Chair and the Project Director for The MDS Cabinet Shop located in Goessel, KS. Before retiring, he taught Disaster Management Studies at Hesston College for six years. Prior to this he pastored in three Western District Conference churches for 25 years. He is married to Faye and they have 4 sons and 5 grandchildren.

Total of Coins: We collected **\$124.07** for the MCC water projects! Thank you to Rhonda Horsch for being our liaison to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

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.

Preschool Update: We are in the last 5 weeks of preschool! There are 12 children graduating and heading to kindergarten. Continue to pray for all the teachers and volunteers who have given their time and energy since Sept!

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.

Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact duaneunruh@mcc.org.

You're Invited to Vacation Bible School!



Location: Shalom Mennonite Church

Dates: May 28-31

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Ages: Age 4-Grade 4

Register a student:

Welcome to VBS! To register a student, please use this QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/newtonvbskids>



Register as a volunteer:

We need volunteers to make VBS a success! There are many tasks to do before, during, and after VBS. Prayerfully consider how you can support the children of this congregation and the local community. This year's director is Ben Woodward-Breckbill and can be reached by email at ben@shalomnewton.org. Below are a few of the roles we'd love to have you fill. Use this QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/newtonvbsvols>



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group "shepherd" | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare arts and crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Setup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate supplies or snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Help as needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare snacks | |

Sister Frieda: On April 26 at 7 pm, the Warkentin House Museum will present a historical portrayal of Sister Frieda Kauffman, presented by Donna Becker. Sister Frieda was the charge sister of the Bethel Deaconess Home and Hospital. New Creation Fellowship Church now occupies what was known as Sister Frieda's Chapel. The presentation, which includes dessert, is a fundraiser for the Warkentin House Museum and is an opportunity to learn about our congregation's connection to local history and the broader cause of health equity in the Mennonite church. Check out the WHM website or Facebook page to purchase the \$15 tickets which includes dessert.

Save the Date! WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Assembly is the primary resourcing and fellowship event of the year. Many workshops, onsite and virtual. Faith formation and Family Festival for all ages. Worshipping God together. Join us!

Camp Mennoscah: It is time to register for summer camps. If youth are interested in attending, the church will pay 1/2 the camp fee. If a family is not able to contribute the other 1/2 of the fee, then a sharing fund request can be submitted. Register on-line at campmennoscah.org. The theme for the summer is *Linked By Love* and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. [Register online!](#)



Kitchen staff needed: Learn to make--and get to eat--verenike casserole, bierocks, and Sunday Sandwiches! Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees. No great skill is needed. The head cook will direct you in what needs to be done to make yummy meals for campers and staff. Kitchen staff are needed for PreJunior 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Junior High 1, Junior High 2, and Senior High Camps! Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Nurses needed for the weeks of Junior High 2 (July 7-12) and Junior 2 (July 14-19). Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

