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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 WDC congregations seeking faithful ways to care for God's creation and practice environmental stewardship.

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Martine Audéoud, who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for her and her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.

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April 16, 2023



**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

— Psalm 95:1 —

*This morning we've gathered to "sing and testify!" Although this service had originally been scheduled for next Sunday, the "impromptu Spirit" called for it now instead. Much of our time will be singing songs you want to sing, as well as listening to testimonies you might share — testimonies about your faith journey, something about how you've experienced God's presence (or absence) in your life, or whatever the Spirit has put on your heart. Be filled with the Spirit, ready to sing and testify from your heart.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us be filled with the Spirit.

**Let's speak to one another with psalms, hymns,  
and songs from the Spirit.**

Let us sing and make music from our hearts to the Lord!

**Let us always give thanks to God for everything,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. — (Eph. 5:18-20)**

### OFFERING

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SINGING & TESTIFYING

- Call out a song you would like us to sing.
- We hope at least some will join us around the microphone so those on ZOOM can get a sense of the congregation gathered in the sanctuary.
- Come up to the "sharing chair" to share your testimony.

**SHARING & PRAYING TOGETHER....."O God, hear us"**

### SENDING SONG

**Contributions April 9:** General Fund: \$ 4335  
College Scholarship: \$100 Sharing Fund: \$170

	<b>April 16</b>	<b>April 23 (9:30 – 11:45)</b>
Worship leader	Bonnie & Chuck N	Leadership and Congregation Relations Team
Song leader	Chuck N	Chuck N
Musicians	Bonnie N	Bonnie N
Sound & video	Andy B & Aaron V	Jair & Micah Hurst
Children's time	Kristin Neufeld Epp	n/a
Speaker	Service of Singing	Congregational Meeting
Care of building	Mays	Hurst Family
Childcare	none	Eliza E & Shawna H 10:30 – 11:45ish

**Pavilion:** We have had quite a few requests to use the pavilion for graduation and birthday parties. Please contact Brenda to reserve the pavilion for your event.

**NCFC Family Events:** This is a calendar of events involving the children, youth and adults in our NCFC family. If you have a sporting event, musical concert, or artistic exhibition AND would welcome attendance from our congregation, please send the details to Brenda.

Name	What	Date	Where
Lori Dreier	Yoga Class (all levels)	Mondays 5:30 pm	301 N. Main, first floor \$10 suggested donation.
Aaron Ratzlaff	McPherson Community Brass Choir	April 23 3:00 pm	McPherson Church of The Brethren 200 N Carrie St, McPherson
Stephany, Edel, and Annalise	Masterworks Concert	April 30 4:00 pm	Bethel College Memorial Hall
Ian Gingrich - Gaylord	Express Yourself: Art in Therapy	May 2 6:00 – 7:30	Newton Public Library Call 316-283-2890 to RSVP
Nadia Ratzlaff	Band Concert	May 3 7:00 pm	Peabody-Burns Junior/Senior High
Nadia Ratzlaff	Marching Band	May 12	McPherson All Schools Day parade

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

**New Creation Preschool Update:** Please continue praying for the teachers and children as we finish up the school year. We have planned an outdoor graduation for the evening of Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. and there will be 15 children graduating. Join us in praying for easy weather! Our last day of preschool for the 2022-23 year is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Camp Mennoscah:** Summer youth camp registration is open. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer--it's not a coconut! 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. See Krista M if you have questions. Register on-line at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, April 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Kidron Volunteers Wanted:** Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to be a Junior Volunteer at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton or Schowalter Villa in Hesston June 1 through July 28. Junior Volunteers help facilitate activities with residents in health care and/or assisted living, including playing games, reading, going on walks and more. An application is required and must be submitted by May 10. Spaces are limited. Proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination series required. For application, contact 620-327-4821 or [shelleyl@bluestemks.org](mailto:shelleyl@bluestemks.org).

All **Western District Conference women** are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tues, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church Newton, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m. followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 p.m. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share.

