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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 sponsors, mentors, teachers and pastors who minister with youth in WDC congregations.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Bekah York, as she begins six weeks of North American ministry this month. Pray for inspiration, as she speaks in churches, encouraging others to join what God is doing in Colombia, as well as for rest and renewal, as she reconnects with family and friends.

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April 23, 2023

Worship & Congregational Meeting

Gathering song: My Life Flows On.....VT 605

Call to worship

Come to Me HOS 93

Longing for LightVT 715

Overall introduction with background

Mark 15: 25, 33, 37

Intro to part 1 – the inner journey

Prayer

Break

Re-gathering song: Open My Eyes That I May See.....VT 738

Intro to part 2 – circle time (*start time 10:30*)

Mark 7:31-35

Sending song: We've Come This Far by Faith.....VT 599

Benediction

NOTE FOR ZOOM PARTICIPANTS: Join us at 9:30 by Zoom for the call to worship, introduction, scripture, and singing. Once we move into our station time, feel free to find a comfortable space, go on a walk, light a candle—do whatever facilitates this reflection best for you. Our goal is to be ready for circle sharing at 10:30. If it seems those in the sanctuary need more time, we'll check in with Zoom folks at 10:30 and start the sharing ten minutes later at 10:40.

Contributions April 16: General Fund: \$ 448

	April 23 (9:30 – 11:45)	April 30
Worship leader	Leadership and Congregation Relations Team	Audrey R
Song leader	Chuck N	Krista M
Musicians	Bonnie N	Ian GG
Sound & video	Jair & Micah H	Andy B & Aaron R
Children's time	n/a	Mona
Speaker	Congregational Meeting	John M
Care of building	Hurst Family	Galen & Becky M
Childcare	Eliza E & Kelven M 10:30 – 11:45ish (Second ½ of meeting)	Eliza E & Shawn H

April 30 Worship: John Murry will be using the scripture, John 4: 4-24 and preaching in the theme, In Spirit and In Truth: Embracing the gift of religious difference.

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	Spring Vocal Concert	May 2 7:00 pm	Peabody-Burns Junior/Senior High

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

Do you want to help make coffee on Sunday? We are looking for people to 'host' the Sunday Fellowship Time at 10:00 am. Hosting means making three pots of coffee, heating water for tea/hot chocolate, getting cream from the fridge and putting it all on the coffee cart. At the end of Fellowship Time, take the coffee car up to the sanctuary in the lift. People assigned to the "care of the building" will take the coffee cart back to basement and clean up. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is on the coffee cart.

Update from Pastoral Search Committee: As announced last Sunday, the pastoral search committee has now entered the next stage in the pastoral search process in which we have started to receive applications. We are currently reviewing potential candidate application materials and are checking in with references. Please pray that we have wisdom and discernment as we continue to move along in this process. Also pray for the applicants as they seek wisdom and discernment in their decisions as well. Thank you!
Carla Hurst, Galen Miller, Ruth Meyer, Michelle Voth, Naomi Epp

Sharing Box: You are welcome to put non-perishable foods and hygiene products in the church Sharing Box for folks to take at their own discretion - no judgement or qualifications to participate. Please continue to bless the givers and receivers.

Scholarships: Our church offers support to 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 31** for the 2023-24 school year. If you wish to donate to the 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. Obtain and return applications to Krista M by June 1.

Save the Date! Western District Conference Annual Assembly, August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. This annual event is for all ages.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus: Concert on Sunday April 23 at 7:00 pm in Memorial Hall Bethel College.

The **five hundredth anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025** gives the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. To celebrate all the ways God has been faithful, and to dream about how we can mend what's been broken. Join this special event Saturday, April 29 at 7pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. John D. Roth, project director, and [Mitch Stutzman](#), director of development and partner engagement will talk about the Anabaptism at 500 project and share the vision behind the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The event will include an update on the status of the project and a time for questions and conversation. This special event will also be live streamed through the following YouTube live link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WhitestoneMennoniteChurch>

Camp Mennoscah kitchen helpers and volunteers are needed for the weeks of June 25-29, July 9-14, and July 16-21. You keep camp running by helping prepare meals in the kitchen and working on maintenance projects or custodial tasks. Your work creates an enjoyable environment for campers to have fun and learn about God. Contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to sign up!

Newton Et Cetera Shop's board of directors will host a farewell reception for general manager, Sara Dick, on Saturday, April 29, 2-4 p.m. at the shop (619 North Main in downtown Newton). You're invited to stop by to celebrate seven years of Sara's leadership and wish her well!

Mennonite Disaster Service: The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3USblhq>

Friends of Kauffman Museum Sale (vintage and antique items and artwork), on Sat., April 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., outside the front entrance and in the museum auditorium (2801 N. Main St., North Newton). All proceeds benefit the museum. For a partial list of items, see <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/friends-of-the-museum-vintage-antique-art-sale/>

Peace Connections: Bridges out of Poverty Free Training to address the root causes of poverty on May 5, June 2 and July 7. Visit www.peaceconnections.org for more information or see flyer on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

Job Opening: Peace Connections is looking for a Summer Enrichment Coordinator for the SEAK program. Apply at my.americorps.gov

