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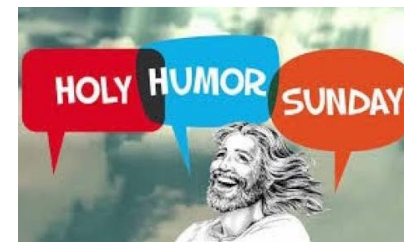
*At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.*

## PRAYER requests

**Western District Conference:** Please join with me in praying to the Lord of the harvest, asking for workers to be raised up in the churches to serve within and to be sent out. Pray for each member of Christ to hear the Spirit's call to serve in the equipping of God's people and to thoughtfully consider how we can encourage the spiritual gifts that we see in each other and in our young people, all to the glory of God. Amen.  
 – Pastor Karen Mascho

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Colleen and Pablo Fast, who have been asked by leadership of the Paz Church in Brazil to help shepherd a congregation in Apuí for about eight months. Pray for the Fast as they transition from their home along the Purus River to a new culture that focuses on cattle-raising and lumber.

## New Creation Fellowship Church April 24, 2022



*I have come that my joy might be in you and that your joy might be complete. John 15:11*

Prelude music ..... Krista Murray

Gathering songs: *This is the day and I've Got Joy*

Welcome ..... Pastor Derrick Ramer

Meditative music..... Dominic Ramer

Call to worship..... Pastor Derrick Ramer

*I'm Gonna Sing*  
*Fruit of the Spirit*  
*If I were a Butterfly*

Children's time..... Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Scripture..... Kristin Neufeld Epp  
 Nehemiah 8:1-10

Sermon..... John Murray  
*A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into a bar*

*Take My Hand and Follow Me (Sea Walker)*  
*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Share reflections, joys, and prayer concerns ..... *O God, hear us*

Sending song: *You Shall Go Out with Joy* ..... VT 847

Benediction

**Offering (April 17-22)**

General Fund: \$1057 College Scholarship Fund: \$400

	<b><u>April 24</u></b>	<b><u>May 1</u></b>
Worship leader	Pastor Derrick R	Pastor Derrick R
Song leader	Pastor Derrick R	Pastor Derrick R
Musicians	Krista M & Dominic R	Ian GG
Children's time	Rebecca BF	?
Speaker	John M	Elbiata Singers
Care of building	Suter Family	Brenda & Kelven Mays

**Lectionary Text (May 1)**[Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#)[Psalm 30](#)[Revelation 5:11-14](#)[John 21:1-19](#)

The **Elbiata Singers** from Goessel High School will be sharing music with us during worship on Sunday May 1. Annalise M will be singing in the choir. If the weather permits, we plan to have this service outdoors.

**Communion** will be held on May 8, not on the usual first Sunday of the month due to the visiting choir presentation.

**Congregational Meetings:** Please mark your calendars, there will be two congregational meetings in May. On May 15 at 10:00, Jim and Jean Weber will share their journey as they prepare to join our church. We anticipate the May 8 meeting will be in the outside if the weather permits. On May 22, the Admin Team will be presenting the 22-23 budget.

**VBS** will be held May 31-June 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping with VBS or has questions, please contact Becky Miller. Our church will also be in charge of a meal one of those evenings, probably working together with another congregation. If anyone is interested in helping with the meal, contact Becky Miller. Also, there will also be a joint VBS worship service on June 5 with all the participating churches at the large shelter at Athletic Park.



**Camp Mennoscah:** It is time to register for summer camps. If youth are interested in attending, the church will pay half the camp fee. If a family is not able to contribute the other half of the fee, then a sharing fund request can be submitted. See Krista Murray if you have questions.

**Western District Conference's** annual assembly will be held in Denton, TX this year July 29-31 at Camp Copass, a kids' church camp with LOTS of recreational options. (Click [here](#) for more information about Camp Copass.) There are options and activities for individuals or a family who would want to attend. There is lodging at the camp or RV/Camper hookups. There will be vans going from this area if you don't want to drive. Please talk to Krista Murray (620-217-9037 or [kmurray62@gmail.com](mailto:kmurray62@gmail.com)) by May 15 if you have any interest in going to this and want more information.

**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 29 for the 2022-23 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. For those students wanting to apply for the scholarship, the scholarship application is available by contacting Krista Murray ([kmurray62@gmail.com](mailto:kmurray62@gmail.com) or text or call 620-217-9037). Return applications to Krista M by June 1.

**Verenike Casserole meal:** This fundraiser is for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps and retreats. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School between 5:30-6:30pm on April 30. Requested donation per meal is \$15. **Reservations close at 6pm on April 24, TODAY.**

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The April edition of On the Level is now available from MDS. Learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find about volunteers to assist wildfire survivors in British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3jXVYYw>

**Bethel College Student Art Exhibit** in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, the annual Student Art Exhibit, featuring the work of 52 Bethel students, in a variety of media, through May 6.

The Office of International Admissions at **Hesston College** is looking for host families for the 2022-23 school year. We will need homes that can house one or more students during our Spring break, and possibly during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the week before and after school ends. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Gier at [gretchen.gier@hesston.edu](mailto:gretchen.gier@hesston.edu)

The following announcement is from Megan T and the Lift/Elevator Task Force and is a creative fundraiser for the project.

## Intergenerational Lift Portrait Project

All are invited to gather outside at the pavilion on May 1st, 9:30-10:30am to discuss our intergenerational lift portrait project. We will discuss ideas, suggestions, how you would like to take part and decide if we would like to meet to work on our projects together. Art materials will be available.



**There will be 3 groups and you can volunteer for 1, 2 or all 3 of them:**

**Group 1 – Commissioners** – These are people who want to buy a portrait of someone. Choosing from a list of volunteers, you pick the person or leave it up to the artist. (For instance Chuck could say, “I would like to commission a portrait of Norm.” Or, “I would like a portrait of anyone at NCFC done by Wally.”) The amount paid remains anonymous and the money will go to the Lift fund.

**Group 2 – People being Painted or Drawn** - Sign up to have your portrait done.

**Group 3 – Artists** – Sign up to create a portrait of someone. Work alone or with a partner, can be a kid and adult pair or 2 kids or 2 adults.

If this feels like a stretch and you’re not sure about signing up, try thinking of the project as a spiritual exercise where you’ll learn something about yourself, others, God, and have an interesting story to tell when you’re done. Young kids are especially encouraged to sign up.

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