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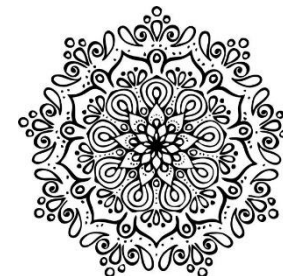
At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: *Dear Lord, we draw near to the throne of your grace, to give you glory, honor, and praise. And to ask you to hear the prayer of your children crying out to you. My prayer request is that you guide us, in our meetings, that we feel your peace, in every decision. Revive your work amid the times in which we are living, and may the world know you, and may the church take the initiative to be light, to give light, to remain in light and in the midst of darkness to shine like a burning torch. Amen – WDC Church Planting Commission*

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April 30, 2023



Prelude

Opening song: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....VT 536

Welcome and announcements.....Audrey Ratzlaff

Call to worship

Meditative musicVT 805

Songs for reflection:

This Is My song.....VT 710

For the Healing of the NationsVT 705

TogetherVT 389

Offering

Children's time Mona Krievins

Scripture reading..... John 4:4-24

Teaching John Murray
My Brother Bashu

Sharing and praying together "O God, hear us"

Blessing song: Peace, Salaam, ShalomVT 805

Benediction

Contributions April 23: General Fund: \$ 400 Scholarships: \$150

	<u>April 30</u>	<u>May 7</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Megan T
Song leader	Krista M	Vicki L
Musicians	Rhonda H	Ian GG
Sound & video	Andy B & Aaron R	George K & Galen M
Children's time	Mona K	Kristin NE
Speaker	John M	Mitch S
Care of building	Galen & Becky M	John & Krista M
Childcare	Eliza E & Shawn H	Eliza & Norm
Communion Servers:	n/a	Rhonda H, Krista M, Mona K & Steve M

Sunday, May 7 Scripture and Theme: Mitch will be preaching from Exodus 25:1 - 31:11. In these chapters of Exodus we read detailed plans for building the tabernacle and various elements to be included in their experience of community. The spaces where we worship and gather to meet God say something about what we believe. What do your spaces say about what you believe and the God you serve?

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
Stephany, Edel, and Annalise	Masterworks Concert	TODAY 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
Nadia Ratzlaff	Band Concert	May 3 7:00 pm	Peabody-Burns Junior/Senior High
Andy Brown	Booth at Hutchison Art Fair	May 6 9 - 4pm	Sunflower South Building of the Kansas State Fairgrounds

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

The May **congregational meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. Details and agenda to be announced later.

The admin team is reviewing New Creation's **Covid protocols** following the congregational meeting on April 23rd. We will continue the current masks recommended policy in the sanctuary through the rest of April, with any changes or modifications to begin in May.

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. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is on the coffee cart.

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.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking Menno Snapshots blogs on the topic, "I choose to be Mennonite because..." Bloggers are encouraged to reflect on how they came to Anabaptism, what attracted them to our Mennonite theology and practices, and how this has impacted their lives. This is an ideal opportunity for the recently baptized and/or those who may have joined from other faith traditions. Suggested word count is 500-900 words. Youth are also encouraged to participate (no word count requirements). Read the blog guidelines and submit your blog here by May 22:
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/blog-guidelines/>

Book Sale: The Western District Conference Resource Library in North Newton will be hosting a Book Sale on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30am - 12:30pm outside in front of the WDC building. There will be a large variety of donated books and books & DVDs removed from circulation. Donations will be accepted for your selections. Hope to see you there!

