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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:** Give thanks for youth ministers, sponsors and mentors in WDC congregations, and pray for them as they accompany young people in the journey of faith.

Robin Gingerich, of **Mennonite Mission Network**, has served as an administrator and teacher at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. She requests prayer for wisdom, patience and kindness among faculty, staff and students, as they complete the school year. Pray also for an end to the war in neighboring Ukraine.

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 May 5, 2024



- Prelude music
- Opening song: Let Us Build a House..... VT 36
- Welcome, introductions and announcements
- Call to worship
- Meditative music
- Scripture reading ..... John 15:9-17 and 1 John 5:1-6
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ..... VT 638
- There Is More Love Somewhere..... VT 804
- Love the Lord Your God ..... VT 288
- Offering
- Children's time ..... Audrey Ratzlaff
- Sermon ..... Pastor Shana Green  
*Love Beyond the Binary*
- Communion: I Come with Joy ..... VT 478
- Sharing and praying together ..... *O God, hear us*
- Sending song: Love Will Guide Us ..... screen
- Blessing

**Contributions April 28:** General Fund: \$2289 Preschool Fund: \$51.87  
College Scholarship Fund: 4500

	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N & Aaron R	Rhonda H
Children's time	Audrey R	
Audio & video	Andy B & Aaron V	Ruth M & Aaron R
A / V runner	John M	Chuck N
Childcare	Emily B & Kelven M	Olivia E & Kelven M
Care of building	Chuck N & Bonnie N	
Communion servers	Marvin P, Galen M, Steve M & Anthony H	n/a

**Childcare** is provided following "children's time" for children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger. There is a changing table and rocking chair available in the basement.

**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.

**Camp Mennoscah:** For several years, NCFC has paid 1/2 of registration fees for children & youth to attend Camp Mennoscah. If you're still planning to register and would like this financial support for summer 2024, please let Audrey Ratzlaff know ASAP so that we can make sure funds are available. Donations to the Youth Fund are always welcome.

Our next **Congregational Meeting** will be May 19 at 9:00 am in the sanctuary or on Zoom. More details coming later.

**Communion:** You are invited to join us for communion. We serve gluten free pretzels and grape juice.

**STEWARDSHIP SURVEY:** Each household is asked to help provide information for next year's budget. A letter has been sent to each household. Please use the stamped envelope provided and mail the green page back before **May 6, 2024**. There are extra copies of the letter and green survey sheets at the back of the sanctuary to fill out and place in Mona's mailbox. The survey responses will be read only by members of the Stewardship Serving Unit and will be held in strict confidentiality.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact a member of Stewardship Serving Unit or Pastor Shana.

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**CURRENT BUDGET UPDATE:** The congregation is still trying to make up a deficit in the church's 2023-24 budget. As you are able, please consider increasing your upcoming giving in May and June in order to meet the current church budget and avoid using reserves. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2024. If you have questions regarding the budgeting process, please contact a member of Admin Team (George, Galen and Megan T.)

**Newton Mennonite Vacation Bible School:**

Dates: Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31

Times: 5:30-7:30pm (supper served at 5:30)

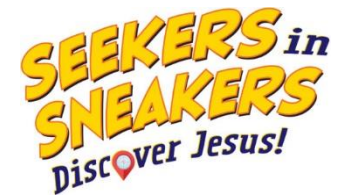
Ages: age 4 - grade 4

Location: Shalom Mennonite Church

Registrations are due **TODAY Sunday, May 5**

Student registration: [bit.ly/newtonvbskids](http://bit.ly/newtonvbskids)

Volunteer opportunities: [bit.ly/newtonvbsvols](http://bit.ly/newtonvbsvols)



**Bethel College Concert:** Woven and Open Road joint concert TODAY Sun., May 5 at 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**Hesston College Concert:** Join us May 10 at 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church as the Hesston College Chorale presents their concert titled "Veni, Sancte Spiritus." Following this kick off concert, the chorale will travel to Europe for their biennial international tour from May 14 to June 4, where they will perform at churches in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland.

