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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 members of boards, councils, deacons and other leadership teams in WDC congregations, as they offer vision and care for the church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Colleen and Pablo Fast plan to travel from Brazil to the United States for 3 ½ months of sharing with their supporting congregations and individuals about how God is working in Brazil. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for their rest and renewal, as they also reconnect with family and friends.

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 May 14, 2023



Prelude: Gott ist de Liebe.....VT 158

Opening song: Could It Be That God Is SingingVT 42

Welcome and announcements..... Megan Thompson

Meditative music: Quietly, Peacefully.....VT 533

There Is a Line of Women.....VT 546

With Mary Sing MagnificatVT 208

Scripture..... Exodus 1:15-21

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us.....VT 518

Offering: Halle, Halle, HallelujahVT 752

Children’s time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Teaching..... Renee Reimer
Liberating Midwives

Sharing and praying together..... “O God, hear us”

Closing song: Sing a New World into Being.....VT 809

Benediction Renee Reimer

Contributions May 7- 10: General Fund: \$3955 Scholarships: \$75

	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Leia L & Audrey R
Song leader	Vicki L	Krista M
Musicians	Kirsta M & Michelle V	Ian GG & Aaron R
Sound & video	Galen M and Aaron R	Jair & Micah H
Children's time	Kristin NE	Mona K
Speaker	Renee R	Audrey R
Care of building	Andy B	?
Childcare	Eliza E & Kelven M	Eliza E & Shawna H

Our **Scripture focus for May 21** will be John 21:1-14. The ritual of worship together will be led by Leia Lawrence and Audrey Ratzlaff as a time to pay attention, take note, and celebrate the tools and treasures we have as a New Creation community.

The Craft and Hang Out Group will be meeting May 14 and 28 after worship. Everyone is welcome to come for a time of crafting or fellowship.

The May 21st congregational meeting agenda will be consideration and consensus testing on a "continuing budget" for NCFC's 2023/2024 fiscal year. The meeting will be in hybrid format (Zoom and in person in the sanctuary) beginning at 9:00 am.

As we are in an uncertain, but possibly imminent timeline for calling a new settled pastor, the admin team is proposing an extension of the 2022/23 budget, with small modifications, to start the next fiscal year. We won't be doing a giving survey at this time but will use last year's giving as our projected income for the continuing budget. We will adjust some expense line items for things we can anticipate. The previous budget had \$20,000 allocated to the now completed lift project. We propose to use that amount to budget for these adjustments, and let the balance continue to go to capital improvement, until we do a future budget amendment that reflects a change in pastoral leadership. At the time of a budget amendment, we will conduct a new giving survey, when proposed pastoral expenses are better understood.

New Creation Preschool: On May 2, we had a successful preschool graduation in the playground with a rough estimate of at least 150 in attendance. This past week, Kristin and Brenda met with parents for 2 evenings of Kindergarten Transition Meetings. Please hold these 16 graduating families in love and prayer as they prepare for a big life change.

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.

VBS will be from 5:30-7:30 pm May 30-June 2nd at BCMC: A dinner will be provided for all children and volunteers from 5:30-6:00 pm. in the fellowship hall. To register or for more information, see church wide email. NCFC and Shalom will provide the Wednesday evening meal. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Becky Miller.

Regardless of age or whether you participate in VBS, everyone is invited to BCMC on Friday, June 2, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to see a performance of Selah's Song, presented by Theatre of the Beat, a touring company based in Toronto. The play, which is suitable for all ages, is about a young girl in Ukraine who inspires her community with a song of peace.

You are invited to the VBS joint church service on the lawn at BCMC on Sunday June 4 at 10:00 am with a potluck following. There will be no services here at NCFC on June 4th. Details to come later.

2023 WDC Annual Assembly, "Holy (Wholly) Listening," August 11-13, Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. Listening to God and many voices. Why go? It's a great chance to join others for creative resourcing, worship, great music and food, and participating in the work of the church. Watch for more information coming soon!

SEAK (2.0): Peace Connections will be coordinating the SEAK Program and they will be using our playground from June 5 to July 27. At 11:30 will be family friendly games and activities followed by free summer meals for any child ages 1-18. Lunch will be served from 12:00-12:30 in the pavilion.

Camp Mennoscah: Nurse needed for a partial week, July 9-12, Junior High II Camp. As a nurse, you are a vital part of camp life. Your work to keep everyone healthy and well means campers and staff are ready to play and learn during their time at camp. Nurses must be a registered nurse (RN). Nurses receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

