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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: Marisa Smucker assumed the responsibilities of interim executive director of Mennonite Mission Network in March. Pray for God's wisdom and strength, as she leads the agency.

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Ritual of Worship led by Leia Lawrence and Audrey Ratzlaff

May 21, 2023

Sharing Food (10:00 am fellowship breakfast downstairs)

Gathering Together

Prelude

Opening song: Here in This PlaceVT 10

Welcome and announcements Leia Lawrence

Call to worship Leia Lawrence

Meditative music

Music & Movement

Give Me a Litany screen

We Are People of God's PeaceVT 797

Come Go With Me To That LandHOS 15 / screen

Offering

Children's time Mona Krievins

Asking Questions

Scripture John 21:1-14

Reflection Audrey Ratzlaff

Sharing Life

Passing the Peace

Sharing and praying together "O God, hear us"

Carrying Our Gifts with Us

Closing song: Love Will Guide US screen

Blessing Audrey Ratzlaff

Contributions May 14: General Fund: \$485 Preschool Tuition \$2500

	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
Worship leader	Leia L & Audrey R	Megan T
Song leader	Krista M	Chuck N
Musicians	Ian GG & Aaron R	Bonnie N
Sound & video	Jair H & Micah H	Andy B & Aaron V
Children's time	Mona K	Audrey R
Speaker	Audrey R	Chuck N
Care of building	Bernard & Evie R	Chuck & Bonnie N
Childcare	Eliza E & Shawna H	Eliza E & Norm L

Our **Scripture for May 28** will be John 20:19-23. Chuck will be bringing the sermon titled: *Receive the Holy Spirit*.

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 28 for the 2023-24 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 or text or call 620-217-9037. Return applications to Krista Murray by June 1.

Camp Mennoscah: A reminder that our church will pay 1/2 of the camp registration fee to Camp Mennoscah. If a family is not able to contribute the other 1/2 of the fee, then a sharing fund request can be submitted. Contact Krista Murray if you have questions. Register on-line at campmennoscah.org.

The **pastoral search committee** has begun the next phase of the search process in which we have begun interviews. Thank you for your understanding that we are still in a phase of high confidentiality. We will continue to keep you updated with our progress as we are able to. Thank you for your continued prayers and patience!

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. 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.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, May 30, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Camp Mennoscah needs your toilet paper rolls! There are crafts project this summer needing empty, clean toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls. Send them with a camper or someone else coming to camp. We'll collect them and use them for Junior 1 & 2, Junior High 1 & 2 and Senior High.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS In our current issue: a West Virginia family finds a safe haven in an MDS-built home; a disaster survivor shares the terror of riding out Hurricane Fiona: and cooks share the joys and challenges of feeding an MDS crew. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3o6LIs1>

Restorative Kansas conference June 8-9 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS: The conference theme is Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots. Hear Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation and participate in breakout sessions on indigenous peacemaking; MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Please join us, find more information and register at www.restorativekansas.org.

