

New Creation Fellowship Church

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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.

Lectionary text for June 6:

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	Genesis 3:8-15	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Psalm 138	Psalm 130		

Offering for May 24-28:

General: \$145 Ruby's Memorial Fund: \$400 College Scholarships: \$300

Western District Conference: Pray for congregations in pastoral transition, and potential candidates considering ministry opportunities in WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Jae Young Lee, Karen Spicher and their children serve with MMN in South Korea. Pray for them as they promote peace ministries through organizations, such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.

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May 30, 2021

Speaker: Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Sermon title: *Stones of Patriarchy*

Scripture: Judges 9:1-7, 16-57

Hybrid Worship: Starting June 13, there will be two choices for worship. You can watch the YouTube worship at home or gather in the sanctuary at 10:30 am to view the service together and have Zoom sharing time.

Pastor Derrick will be on vacation until June 6. Please contact a member of the Congregational Care Team (Becky M, Krista M or Norm L), if you have a pastoral need during this time.

Janitor employment opportunity: We are looking to hire a janitor for the church. For over 7 years, Brenda & Kelven have felt a calling to clean the church and saw it as their ministry. However, they have lost their passion and feel it is time for the church to find someone else. The cleaning takes an average of 4 hours per week. Contact Brenda if you have questions.



Preschool: It has been almost 15 months since we've had children in the classroom. Last week, we started Wednesday summer play days and welcomed some of the 20-21 Zoom school friends in to play and practice being "in school". Like ducks to water, the children dove in and played HARD. They wore their masks as naturally as clothing and knew that "there are scientists working on a vaccine for little kids."

Ruby Brown's Memorial Loft: We are purchasing a children's play loft with Ruby's memorial money. If you would like to contribute, please send a check.

Everence will host a free, online webinar, *Basics of investing*, on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. Register for this webinar to learn about:

- The fundamentals of investing.
- Different types of investments available.
- How faith values can play a role in your investment decisions.

To register, or learn more about this webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.

SEAK 2.0 (Monday – Thursday from June 7 - July 29):

Peace Connections is partnering with First Mennonite Church, New Creation Fellowship, and Shalom Mennonite Church for the return of SEAK 2.0!!

SEAK begins at 11:30 AM with family friendly games, activities, and presentations with lunch following at 12:00 – 12:30. It is free to any child age 1-18. SEAK will be held in our church playground.

The summer day camp program at **Kauffman Museum**, Uncle Carl's Camps, starts June 1 and runs through July 16. All camps still have some spaces available. Most camps will be in-person with reduced enrollment, masks required while indoors, and many activities held outdoors where campers will not be required to wear masks. Camps are: "Trash and Treasure" (9-12/completed 3rd-6th), archaeology with Monty Graber; "Watercolor My World" 1 (6-8/completed K-2nd) and 2 (9-12/3rd-6th) with LaDonna Unruh Voth; "The Prairie is ALIVE!" (6-8/K-2nd) with Kendall Smith; "Little Houses on the Prairie" (ages 4-5, not yet in kindergarten) with Kristin Neufeld Epp; "Pedal Power" (9/3rd through adult), biking camp with Karen and Stephen Kreider Yoder. See <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/> for dates, cost and online registration.

Jen Helmuth Shenk felt the need to deepen her spiritual walk, so she began meeting with a spiritual director. Read about Shenk's journey – from being a stay-at-home mom, to a photographer, to a pastor – in Evan J. Miller's blog, "Where God's Spirit is Already at Work.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/gods-spirit-already-at-work/>

Tim Nafziger reflects on the power of stories in fighting against militarism in his blog, "The Courageous, Vulnerable, Improbable Story of Peace." The blog is part of Mennonite Church USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War initiative. Read more about Nafziger's story here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/courageous-story-peace/>

Authors Elain Enns and Ched Myers shared a presentation based on their new book, "Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization in a recorded webinar from Mennonite Church USA. View it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinars/>