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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.

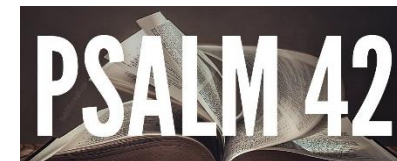
PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff and planning team members as they prepare for WDC annual assembly, August 11-13.

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the ministries of Elena, Freddy and Mathías Satalaya in Bolivia and Peru. They are jointly supported by Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for the Satalayas as they begin several years of study in the United States.

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June 11, 2023



Prelude: My Life Flows On.....VT 605
 Opening song: He Has Made Me Glad..... screen
 Welcome and announcements Megan Thompson
 Meditative music: Rain DownVT 703
 Before the Waters Nourished Earth.....VT 652
 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross..... screen
 Scripture Psalm 42
 By the Waters of BabylonVT 695
 Offering
 Children’s time..... Kristin Neufeld Epp
 Sermon..... Renee Reimer
The Embodiment of Grief
 CommunionAudrey Ratzlaff
 Sharing and praying together “O God, hear us”
 Closing song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....VT 610
 Benediction..... Renee Reimer

SERVICE ADVENTURE **Shawna Hurst** is going to be participating in Service Adventure, a gap year opportunity through Mennonite Mission Network. She has been placed in Colorado Springs and needs to raise \$4,000 that will go towards her living expenses for the year. She would appreciate your support through prayer, encouragement, and any financial assistance. Checks can be made out to Mennonite Mission Network with her name in the memo line.

Communion: We serve gluten free pretzels and grape juice. All are welcome to participate in communion.

Church Directory: It is time to update the church directory. Please let Brenda know if you have a different email, street address or phone number by June 19th. Thank you!

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Kauffman Museum is offering an intergenerational Uncle Carl's Camp called "Pottery Possibilities," July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on the Bethel campus. Campers will start with hand-building before throwing on potter's wheels, and wrap up the week with glazing and an outdoor firing (weather permitting). No previous experience is required. To sign up, stop by Kauffman Museum to pick up a brochure or visit <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/>

Instead of a traditional Summer Story Hour, the **WDC Conference Resource Library** will be hosting [Story Days](#) with a self-guided, come-and-go approach with activities for ages 3-8 and their caregiver(s) on June 15, July 20 & August 3 from 9:00am-7:30pm. Read alouds by library staff/volunteers on the hour from 9am-7pm. The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton.

Contributions June 4: General Fund: \$625

	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Megan T
Song leader	Vicki L	Krista M
Musicians	Ian GG & Aaron R	Bonnie N & Michelle V
Sound & video	George K & Aaron V	Jair H & Micah H
Children's time	Kristin NE	Kristin NE
Speaker	Renee R	Mitch S
Care of building	George & Mona K	Ruth & Steve M
Childcare	Eliza E & Kelven M	Eliza E & Shawn H
Communion	Ruth M, John M, Andy B & Marvin P	n/a

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.

On **Sunday June 25, masks** will be required because Gordon and Jeanne Houser will be here in person for worship. Thank you from the Administration Team, Megan T, George and Michelle

Scripture and Theme for June 18: Mitch Stutzman will be preaching from Psalm 100 and Psalm 118:1-5. He notes that Psalm 118:1 has language that echoes Psalm 100:5. Each share language around this call to praise God. A God who is all powerful and loving. Psalm 118 also holds the statement that when the psalmist was hard pressed they cried out to this loving God who in turn called them into a "spacious place." What does it look like to respond to the call of our loving God and enter into a spacious place? How do we assume a posture that allows us to enter the spacious place that is prepared for us?

Sharing Box: Please stop by our Sharing Box to drop off food or personal care items, pick up things or say a prayer of blessing.



