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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 pastoral candidates, and for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, as they discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit for future ministerial leadership.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.

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June 18, 2023



Prelude

Opening song: The Love of God.....VT 162

Welcome and announcements Megan Thompson

Meditative music

What a FellowshipVT 160

Scripture Psalm 100 and Psalm 118:1-5

In the Rifted Rock I'm RestingVT 619

Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God.....VT 653

Offering

Children's time..... Kristin Neufeld Epp

Sermon..... Mitch Stutzman

A Spacious Place

Sharing and praying together "O God, hear us"

Closing song: How Great Thou Art.....VT 436
 verses 1 & 2

Benediction..... Mitch Stutzman

Contributions June 12: General Fund: \$3994

	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Audrey R
Song leader	Krista M	Ruth M
Musicians	Bonnie N & Michelle V	Ian GG
Sound & video	Jair H & Micah H	Andy B & Aaron V
Children's time	Kristin NE	Kristin NE
Speaker	Mitch S	Gordon H
Care of building	Ruth & Steve M	Megan T & Ian GG
Childcare	Eliza E & Shawn H	Eliza E & Shawna H

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 25: Gordon Houser will be teaching from the Scripture Mark 9:33-50 and his sermon title will be *Salted with Fire*.

End of Year Contributions: We have until June 30th to receive your contributions for the 2022-2023 budget year. We hope to finish the year strong with contributions to cover our expenses. We are currently a little behind on giving.

From Shawna H: *Thank you all for coming to my fundraiser meal this past Sunday! We had a great turnout and it was really nice to see everyone. I was able to raise \$3,215 out of the \$4,000 I need, which is amazing! I'm so grateful for all the support I have here at New Creation.*

Western District Conference Annual Assembly is August 11-13, 2023, with Delegate Sessions on Saturday from 10am-12pm and 1-2:30pm at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. If you are interested in representing New Creation, please contact Krista Murray from the Congregational Care Team. If you have questions about what that means, speak with Krista or Audrey Ratzlaff. Information is at <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-annual-assembly/>

COVID tests needed: A new cleaning supply and hygiene pantry is being built to serve our neighbors in the Muse Street apartment. Details are forthcoming, but, for now, one needed item is at-home rapid COVID tests. If yours are close to their expiration date and unlikely to be used before then, consider donating them to a neighbor who may need one faster. You can also order five MORE free tests via [Project Act](#) if you haven't done so in the last few weeks. If you wouldn't otherwise order them for yourself, consider ordering them to share with the pantry. You can bring them to church on June 18th or 25th or contact Rebecca Barrett-Fox after that to make your donation.

CASA BETANIA is inviting Mennonite congregations in Newton to a 15th anniversary service on Sunday, June 25, at 4:00 p.m. at First Mennonite where Casa Betania worships. After the service there will be a time of fellowship with a meal. Casa Betania will provide the main dishes and an anniversary cake. Guests do not need to bring food, but those who would like to bring something are welcome to share a salad or fruit.

Circle of Hope is in need of volunteers to provide a meal at its Tuesday meeting. Here are details from Kendra Davila, Peace Connections executive director: *We are looking for meal service for approximately 70 people, which could include a main dish, a side, a salad, and/or a dessert. I know this is a fairly big request and not everyone has the capacity to cook such large quantities. If a group wants to provide the whole meal, or simply a part of it, we can make it work. The commercial kitchen at the church is available for use, or the meal can be prepared elsewhere and then brought in to share on Tuesday. We prefer if a group who cooks the meal can also serve the meal- to get acquainted with the group and see the fruit of their labor, but if they only want to drop the food off, that works as well. The menu changes widely throughout the year and based on whoever the cooks are that week- and we like to introduce new and healthy foods when possible. Dinner is served at 5:30pm every Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, with a potluck meal being served on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have further questions, contact Gordon Houser.*

