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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: Please pray for churches grappling with changes in these post-pandemic times. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – even as our world changes.

-WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network prayer for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, and their four children, as they minister in South Korea. Pray for Jae, as he serves as the executive director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) and Korea Peacebuilding Institute and pray for Karen as she works as NARPI's communications coordinator.

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June 25, 2023

Prelude

Gathering song: Let Us Build a HouseVT 36

Call to worship..... screen

Welcome and announcementsAudrey Ratzlaff

Meditative music: Be Still and Know.....VT 37

Come and See.....VT 282

Teach Me Kingdom Ways.....screen / HOS 73

You Are the Salt of the Earth.....screen / HOS 136

Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn.....VT 146

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Offering

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

Scripture Mark 9:38-50
 translation by David Bentley Hart

Sermon.....Gordon Houser
Salted with Fire

Sharing and praying together "O God, hear us"

Sending song: You Are Salt for the Earth.....VT 297

Blessing

Contributions June 18: General Fund: \$901

	<u>June 25</u>	<u>July 2</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	?
Song leader	Ruth M	Chuck N
Musicians	Ian GG	Bonnie N
Sound & video	Andy B & Aaron V	Aaron R
Children's time	Kristin NE	Kristin NE
Speaker	Gordon H	Renee R
Care of building	Megan T & Ian GG	Brenda & Kelven M
Childcare	Eliza E & Shawna H	Eliza E & Brenda M
Communion	n/a	Rhonda H and ?

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 (EXCEPT FOR SUNDAY JUNE 25), 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.

Scripture and Theme for July 2: Renee Reimer will be bringing us an overview of what campers have and hopefully will be experiencing with the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:16-26) while at Camp Mennoscah this summer. Renee is leading input (Bible Study) at Camp July 9-14 and July 23-July 28.



End of Year Contributions: Please turn in your contributions for the 2022-2023 budget year by June 30th. We hope to finish the year strong with contributions to cover our expenses.

Audrey Ratzlaff will be away Monday and Tuesday, June 26-27, to attend a memorial service. If you have a need for pastoral care during that time, please contact Kristin (CCT) or Carmina (LCRT).

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 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 TODAY, 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.

First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson invites you to a Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery **Movie Showing & Book Signing with Mark Charles** on Saturday, July 8th @6:30pm at the church. The film, *The Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes*, explores the work of local landowners, volunteers and municipal government of Herschel, Saskatchewan, in protecting and conserving the many signs of historic Indigenous presence in the region. The book, *Unsettling Truths*, by author Mark Charles, is a prophetic blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary, that reveals the far-reaching, damaging effects of the "Doctrine of Discovery." Stay after the film for a panel with Mark Charles and Jonathan Neufeld. FMC Hutchinson is located at 52 Rambler Road.

Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza. Arrival is welcome after 7:30 p.m., and fireworks will begin after sundown. Bring your own chairs or blankets for fireworks viewing. The free outdoor event will include family fun with games, giveaways and food for purchase, including Salted Creamery ice cream.

