

**New Creation Fellowship Church**  
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## June 26, 2022



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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:** As we celebrate Pentecost this month, join the Church Planting Commission in praying for WDC congregations to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to explore new initiatives energizing and promoting the mission and vision of Jesus' Kingdom of God. May each congregation be alert to their own unique opportunities and assets inviting new possibilities for discipleship, evangelism, mission, and outreach. AMEN

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Gordon McDade, Karen Sethuraman and Patricia Whitestone, community chaplains with Soul Space, an organization that walks alongside peacemakers in Belfast, Northern Ireland, a city fractured by partisan conflict. Pray for Gordon, Karen and Patricia as they offer hospitable spaces where people can process the traumas they have experienced.

- Prelude Music..... Rhonda Horsch
- Opening Song: Be Still and Know ..... VT 37
- Welcome and Opening Prayer ..... Audrey Ratzlaff
- Songs of praise: Laudate Dominum ..... VT 77  
 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" ..... VT 118
- Praying Psalm 33 with spoken refrain ..... John Murray  
*God, let your love rest on us as our hope has rested in you.*
- Silence
- Song of Response: Come and Fill Our Hearts ..... VT 52
- Reading from the Hebrew Bible.....Jeanne Houser  
 Lamentations 3:19-26
- Song of Response: Wait for the Lord ..... VT 228
- Children's Time ..... Rebecca Barrett Fox
- Gospel Reading.....Libby Baumgartner  
 Luke 24:13-35
- Song of Response: Nada te turbe ..... VT 604
- Brief Meditation ..... Audrey Ratzlaff  
*What Is Our Hope?*
- Share reflections, joys, and prayer concerns..... *O God, hear us*
- Praying with Candles and Song: O Lord, Hear My Prayer. VT 685
- Benediction..... Audrey Ratzlaff
- Sending Song: Ubi Caritas ..... VT 773

**Offering – June 21**

General Fund: \$670 Lift Fund: \$14,848.26

	<u>June 26</u>	<u>July 3</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	??
Song leader	Gordon H	??
Musicians	Ian GG & Aaron R	Rhonda H
Sound & video	Jair H & Micah H	??
Children's time	Rebecca BF	Kristin NE
Speaker	Audrey R	Mitch S
Care of building	Horsch family	??
Communion servers	n/a	Marvin P & ??

**Lectionary Text – July 3**[2 Kings 5:1-14](#)  
[Psalm 30](#)[Isaiah 66:10-14](#)  
[Psalm 66:1-9](#)[Galatians 6:\(1-6\),](#)  
[7-16](#)[Luke 10:1-](#)  
[11, 16-20](#)

**Church Retreat:** Based on the results of the congregational survey on Church Retreat this fall, we will stay at New Creation for Retreat. More information will come as plans are made, including a date. If you are interested in serving on a Church Retreat Planning Team, please contact the Congregational Care Team (Krista, Norm or Amy R).

**End of Year Contributions:** We only have until Jun 30<sup>th</sup> for contributions for the 2021-2022 budget year. We hope to finish the year strong with contributions to cover our expenses.

**Automatic Contributions:** You can have your monthly contributions automatically withdrawn from your banking account on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Here is the link to the form, if you would like to sign up <https://forms.gle/2Uc2aSVRAKypFG1y8> Contact Brenda if you have questions.

**Fellowship Breakfasts:** The congregational care team would like to propose that we resume some fellowship meal gatherings this summer, outside under the pavilion. To avoid the heat of the day we will gather in the morning before the worship service for breakfast. Tentative dates are July 17 and August 21. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Lift Donations Update and Thank You:**

With much gratitude we announce that, many of you have been moved by a vision of hospitality and welcome to all and donated \$26,948.76 to make the Lift a reality. Thank you for your hearts of love generosity.

With your gifts, including proceeds from the art project, we have over \$40,000 already in place. The purchase and installation of the Lift is moving forward. We have also secured a loan of \$20,000 which we plan to pay off in one year, with the funds saved by not paying a 3/4 time pastor. We will offer periodic updates, including budget related income and any further donations. Please contact Miles, or any member of the Lift Task group with any further questions or comments.

**Youth Groups:** Shalom and New Creation Junior high and high school youth: save the date for Sunday, July 10! We will be taking a trip to the McPherson Water Park that afternoon. More details to come.

**Preschool:** We are enjoying Tuesday and Thursday Summer Play Days. Each week has a theme; Herbs & Spices, Juneteenth, Summer Solstice, Blueberry Day, Teddy Bear Picnic and Ice Cream Sandwich Day. The kiddos have been practicing jump rope. What an incredible skill to learn so young! We have been enjoying picking and eating mulberries. This is the first summer we've had the mulberry tree inside our fence. The mulberries are a delightful treat. We have also been enjoying water play! We love our beautiful outdoor classroom and bliss of summer play.

**Mennonites Against Militarism** - a collaboration of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. and Mennonite Church USA – is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN). AMEN invites interested volunteers to complete a brief survey that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

**Berlin Exodus Presentation,** Today, Sun., June 26 at 7:00 pm: Come hear the story of how MCC worker, Peter Dyck, moved 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin to a waiting ship in West Germany to travel to Paraguay in 1947 (75 years ago). The Berlin Exodus (also known as the Great Escape) is the theme of an evening presentation at Trinity Mennonite Church (211 Elm Street, Hillsboro, KS) led by Calvin Buller.





