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.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations that are supporting refugees and asylum seekers, as they join God's work of justice and care for all people.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Youth Venture teams that are spending two weeks in Benin and Indonesia. Pray for the seven participants at each location, their group leaders and their hosts. Pray that this experience will help build the global body of Christ.

New Creation Fellowship Church July 16, 2023



Instrumental prelude

Gathering song: What a Friend We Have in JesusVT 628
Welcome and announcements Megan Thompson
Gathering prayerscreen
Meditative music
There Is a Balm in GileadVT 647
Lord, Listen to Your ChildrenVT 682
Jesus, Won't You Come by Herescreen
Offering
Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp
Scripture2 Corinthians 5:13-21
SermonShana Green The Call of New Creation: Living the Ministry, Message, and Mission of Reconciliation
Sharing and praying together "O God, hear us"
Sending song: Sing a New World into BeingVT 809
BenedictionShana Green

Contributions July 9-10: General Fund: \$4199 Sharing Fund: \$75

	July 16	<u>July 23</u> 9:00 – noon
Worship leader	Megan T	Pastoral Search Committee
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N & Michelle V	Ian GG & Aaron R
Sound & video	Andy B & Galen M	Galen M & Aaron V
Children's time	Kristin NE	Congregational Meeting with circle sharing
Speaker	Shana Green	
Care of building	Rhonda & Anthony H	Ratzlaff Family
Childcare	Eliza E & Mara or Norm	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.

Green candle: We light the green candle amid the white candles to represent those prayer concerns among us that that may be quietly carried by individual but might not be spoken aloud.

Audrey Ratzlaff will be in Zoom sessions for Gestalt Pastoral Care Practicum training from noon on Tuesday, July 18 through Thursday noon, July 20. If you have a care need, you can text and she'll see the message during break time and get back to you as soon as possible; or you can contact a member of the Congregational Care Team (Norm, Krista, or Kristin).



Congregational Meeting on Sunday July 23, 9:00 – 12:00 The Pastoral Search Committee will lead circle sharing in the sanctuary or on Zoom. No childcare will be provided for the first portion of the meeting from 9 - 10:15. Childcare will be provided from 10:30 to 12:00 by Eliza and Shawna.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday July 30, 9:30 – 10:30

We will meet to test consensus on the pastoral candidate in the sanctuary or on Zoom. We will test consensus on the following statement: "We are calling Shana Chivon Green to be our 3/4 time pastor, and we commit to paying her salary based on the MCUSA guidelines."



We need a volunteer to be the new church treasurer. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact a member of the administrative team. Thank you.

- George, Megan T. and Michelle

Photo Directory: It's time to update the church photo directory. Michelle Voth will be available to take your picture TODAY and July 30. Updated pictures will be helpful for our new Pastor and for the 50th anniversary visitors.



