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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 that children and their caregivers may grow in faith and joy as they attend summer Story Day activities at the WDC Resource Library on August 3.

Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Banzarzo and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

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July 23, 2023

Congregational Meeting, 9:00 am - noon

Opening/Welcome

Brief review of the financial information

Circle sharing

Questions: Related to Shana Green being called as the pastor of NCFC, what affirmations do you offer? What questions do you have?

Closing prayer



Contributions July 16: General Fund: \$726

| | July 23 9:00 – noon | July 30 |
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| Worship leader | Pastoral Search Committee | Audrey R |
| Song leader | Vicki L | Chuck N |
| Musicians | Ian GG & Aaron R | Bonnie N |
| Sound & video | Galen M | Aaron R |
| Children's time | n/a | Kristin |
| Speaker | Congregational Meeting with circle sharing | Carla H & Carmina S interview |
| Care of building | Ratzlaff Family | Norm & Vicki L |
| Childcare | Eliza E & Shawna H | Eliza E & Kelven M |

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 July 30**, the youth will be interviewing Carla Hurst and Carmina Suter, who were the youth group sponsors this past year. We also will be doing a prayer of blessing for Shawna Hurst who will be starting a year of voluntary service.

Fellowship with the Suters

When: Aug 5 from 6pm- ? (come and go)

Where: 2 Sycamore Ct, Newton

What: Come for dessert, drinks and fellowship. We'd like to celebrate many years of friendship before we move to Ohio. (Gluten-free and Dairy-free options available)



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

We will meet to 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." You are welcome to join in the sanctuary or on Zoom.



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 on July 30. Updated pictures will be helpful for our new Pastor and for the 50th anniversary visitors.



Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are supposed to be a good crop this year thanks to the moisture during the winter and spring. Please email patsydirksen@mcc.org to place your peach order from July 24 – August 5. Two sizes are available: 10 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line and payment (cash/check only) is due by August 5 to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on Monday, August 21. This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>

The rains came Saturday evening July 15, and the field was turned to mud, so no plowing. But the Ag Committee decided to have Plowing with Horses and Vintage Tractors on **Saturday, July 29, 2023**, just west of Moundridge Museum, 8:30-2:00. Again, concessions by Gospel Mennonite. We tasted their homemade ice cream and that really makes a trip to Moundridge double worthwhile. Come and see.
--Kathy Goering for 150th steering committee

