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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 God's gift of renewal and fellowship for WDC members attending the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.

Mennonite Mission Network's service programs are welcoming new participants. Mennonite Voluntary Service just completed online orientation, and Service Adventure begins orientation on Friday. Pray that God's spirit will prepare participants hearts and minds, as they step out of their comfort zones and risk living out their faith in Anchorage, Alaska; Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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Sept 3, 2023



Prelude

Gathering song: Jesus Calls Us StJ 3

Welcome and announcements Audrey Ratzlaff

Call to worship (from our NCFC statements) screen

Meditative music

Use Us, God VT 811

Offering

Children's time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Scripture John 9:1-9

Sermon Pastor Shana Green

The Messiness of Community

I Come with Joy VT 478

Communion

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Sending song: We Are People of God's Peace VT 797

Benediction Pastor Shana Green

Contributions Aug 27: General Fund: \$360
Preschool Tuition Assistance Fund: \$3000

	<u>Sept 3</u>	<u>Sept 10</u>
Worship leader	Audrey R	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Vicki L	Chuck N
Musicians	Rhonda H & Michelle V	Bonnie N
Sound & video	Andy B & Aaron R	Galen M & Aaron V
Children's time	Kristin NE	?
Speaker	Pastor Shana G	Gordon H, Norm L and Naomi E
Care of building	Ian GG & Megan T	Hurst family
Childcare	Oliva E & Brenda M	Jair/Carla H & Brenda M
Communion	Marvin P, Chuck N, Anthony H & ?	n/a

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.

Sept 10th Theme: In honor of the 50th anniversary, we will have folks share about a decade here at the church. Gordon, Norm and Naomi will represent decades of the 70s, 80s and 90s. They will be sharing about the following:

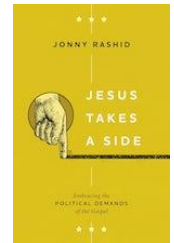
1. What's a strong memory from your decade?
2. What brought you to New Creation?
3. Why have you stayed at New Creation?

Congregational Meeting: The A/V task force is proposing to replace the existing sanctuary sound system and do other improvements to the A/V system in order to make our worship service more accessible. The budgeted cost of the project is \$16,000. We are asking to use the current balance in the capital improvement fund and will seek to raise \$10,000 through above budget gifts by October 9. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 10, at 9 am to share details and test consensus on the proposal.

Youth Group: A big thank you to the New Creation/Shalom youth. They cleaned up the New Creation playground. The scripture blocks are free from weeds and the rock is back under the play structure.

Communion: We serve gluten free pretzels for communion and grape juice. Everyone is invited to participate.

Book study: Join Pastor Shana on a journey of faith formation and fellowship in a new virtual, every other week, small group gathering beginning Wednesday, September 20th at 6pm. We will begin with a book study and read *Jesus Takes a Side* by Jonny Rashid. If you need assistance getting the book, let Pastor Shana know! To sign up text, email or let Pastor Shana know in person.



Camp Mennoscah: With the help of program volunteers, support volunteers and the Summer Staff, we welcomed 383 campers to share faith & fun for eight weeks of youth camp programming. We are thankful and blessed by the following folks from New Creation Fellowship Church who helped at Camp Mennoscah this summer: **Edel Miller, Shawna Hurst, Jenna Baldwin and Stephany Meyer.**

NCFC 50th Anniversary Weekend Countdown: October 7 & 8 is just **Five** weeks away and planning is in full gear. We are so grateful to those who have already volunteered! Most of the help still needed is for just 30-45 minute blocks, so please check the sign-up sheet at the back, which is updated weekly. With many hands helping, the hope is that everyone will also have times to enjoy meeting, sharing stories, and enjoying music from those who are returning to NCFC for that weekend. Contact Mona with questions.

Do you love gardening? College students? Mennonite history? Local architecture? Our neighborhood? Come out for a garden clean at the Muse Street Apartments, formerly the home of the Bethel Deaconesses and now an apartment that serves mostly low-income residents, many with intellectual disabilities or mental health struggles. We'll tidy the garden, which once served as a prayer garden for the Mennonite nurses who served in the local hospital. (New Creation occupies their former chapel.) We'll be joined by Bethel College students as part of their Day of Service to the community.

When: 8-noon on Wednesday, September 20

What: Yourself, your gardening gloves, and any tools to use or share
Not up for gardening? You can come on out to share a snack or lend shovels, rakes, spades, clippers, etc. for the morning. If you'd like to donate or lend something but can't deliver them, let Rebecca Barrett-Fox know.

Eat, Protest, Lift, a film by Caleb Stephens, on Sun., Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College;
Mon., Sept. 11, Dr. Stephens speaks in convocation, 11 a.m.

