

**New Creation Fellowship Church**  
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# **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 the WDC Listening Process, as congregations host listening teams from WDC to reflect on congregational ministry and hopes for the future, and ways that WDC resources can support their mission.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with MMN, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God's love as she helps women make clothes for their families.

Gathering song: In Words of Truth .....VT 148

Welcome and announcements ..... Megan Thompson

Meditative music:..... Here we Are, and We've Been Gathered

Ask the Complicated Questions.....VT 440

Safe In the Father's Arms .....HOS 139 / screen

Offering

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

Sermon..... The Verb of Repentance

Guest Speaker – Nancy Jensen

Sharing and praying together ..... *O God, hear us*

Koshono Song.....HOS 45 / screen

Closing song: How Great Thou Art .....VT 436

Benediction..... Pastor Shana Green

**Contributions Sept 10:** General Fund: \$ 4012  
 AV System: \$500      Sharing Fund: \$75  
 NCFC Grounds Improvement Fund: \$500

	<u>Sept 17</u>	<u>Sept 24</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	John M
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N	Krista M & Aaron R
Sound & video	Andy B and Jair H	George K & Galen M
Children's time	Kristin NE	Kristin NE
Speaker	Pastor Shana G and Nancy Jensen	
Care of building	Steve & Ruth M	George & Mona K
Childcare	Olivia E and Kelven M	Emily B & 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 September 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have Pastor Shana's installation service and time to release of Audrey, Mitch and Renee. Also, we will be taking time to formally appreciate the Pastoral Search Committee.

The next **breakfast potluck** will be Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am. Bring some food to share and come for some fellowship. The potluck will be in the basement or in the pavilion – just depends on the weather.

**Childcare:** We provide childcare after Children's Time for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under. If older children want to be helpers, please see Kristin.

**NCFC 50th Anniversary Weekend Countdown:** Just 3 weeks away!

\* If you have not yet responded that you will be participating in all or part of the Oct. 7 (4:00 - 7:00 or later) and Oct. 8 (9:30 -1:30) activities, please do so this week. Use the NCFC Facebook page, or email or text to Kristin or Mona.

\* There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary today. We are grateful to all of those who have already volunteered! Most of the help still needed is for just 15-30 minute blocks, so that everyone can still have time to enjoy interacting with and hearing stories from those who are returning to NCFC to join in celebrating together with us.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will begin with a book study and read *Jesus Takes a Side* by Jonny Rashid. To sign up text, email or let Pastor Shana know in person.

On September 13, an email was sent to the church family titled "**Trees and gravel.**" More information is coming soon, as those two projects on the church grounds will begin on the morning of Monday, Sept. 25, and volunteers will be welcome to help.

**Open to new participants: Healing & Hope**, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church, Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at [aaratzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580 for more info.

**Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, Sept. 28, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

This fall the **Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** turns 40 years old! Join the celebration by attending a gala concert at 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 23 at Hesston Mennonite Church. The performance will include students and alumni featuring guest conductors and soloists. Celebrate the living tradition of quality choral music at Hesston College. Viewing available at [hesston.edu/livestream](https://hesston.edu/livestream)

**Hesston College Theatre** presents *Steel Magnolias* Thursday, September 28-Sunday, October 1, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. This comedic-drama focuses keenly on M'Lynn and the push/pull she has with Shelby, her headstrong, loving daughter. When their family experiences a tragedy, it's the friendship of Truvy, Annelle, Clairee and Ouiser that helps M'Lynn embrace the hurt and move forward. More information at [hesston.edu/theatre](https://hesston.edu/theatre)



