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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 ministers gathering for a retreat next weekend in Texas, sponsored by the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Euclides Bauza, a Mennonite church leader in Venezuela, who served as an election observer in the country's disputed presidential election in July. Pray for Bauza's safety, the families mourning the deaths of loved ones, protection for those who have been arrested and that Venezuelan authorities will care for the needs of citizens.

New Creation Fellowship Church September 22, 2024



Prelude: Hear the Turmoil of the Nations..... VT 201
Opening song: Could It Be That God Is Singing VT 42
Welcome, introductions and announcements
Meditative music: Here on Christ the Rock..... VT 159
Lighting the Peace Lamp
Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom VT 196
Scripture Micah 6:6-8
What Can I Leave Behind..... VT 154
Scripture Luke 14:25-27
Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God..... VT 653
Offering
Children's time Libby Baumgartner
Reflections and conversation..... Audrey Ratzlaff
Sharing and praying together O God, hear us
Sending song: In Christ There is No East or West..... VT 390
(verses 1-3)
Benediction

Contributions Sept 15: General Fund: \$679

	<u>Sept 22</u>	<u>Sept 29</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Audrey R
Speaker	Audrey R	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L
Musicians	Ian GG	Krista M & Aaron R
Children's time	Libby B	
Audio & video	Rich S & Galen M	Ruth M & Aaron V
Childcare	Jan R & Brenda M	Olivia E & Norm L
Care of building	Horsch	

Childcare is provided following *Children's Time* for children 2nd grade and younger.

The next **Congregational Care Team** is meeting on Tues, Sept. 24. If you have questions, concerns or ideas, please contact Ian, Audrey or Kristin.

NCFC Book Club: You are invited to join Pastor Shana on Zoom to discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. The group will meet at 6:30 on Sept 25 and discuss Part 1: *Gone*. The zoom link will be sent out in a church-wide email before the meeting.

The annual **New Creation Church Retreat** will take place at the church and on zoom.

Saturday, October 19: 2-5pm (Circle Sharing)

Sunday, October 20: 9am - noon - Intergenerational Activities including:

"Show and Tell" - all are invited to bring something

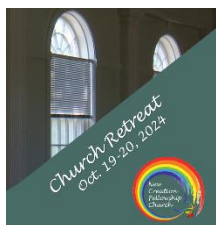
Making music together

Yard games

Art making

Visiting and relaxing and having fun together

Sunday, October 20: noon (Potluck)



Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to volunteer. Zoom will be available both days. If you would like to add to the list of activities for Sunday, or have any other questions or suggestions, talk to Megan Thompson. Thank you from the retreat committee (Dan, Leia, Ian, Megan and Audrey)

Our annual **Safe Sanctuaries** training will be on October 13 at 9am during the congregational meeting. We encourage everyone to attend, and childcare providers are required to attend.

Join **MennoMedia** leaders Amy Gingerich, Executive Director and Publisher, and Mitch Stutzman, Director of Development and Partner Engagement for a special time together on Oct. 7 at 9:00am at The Meeting Room at the MCC Central States Resource Center, 121 E 30th St, North Newton. Come visit with MennoMedia leadership and hear a special update on the progress of the Anabaptism at 500 project. You will also get an exclusive sneak peek into the pages of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Coffee and Donuts will be provided. RSVP

Mennonite Disaster Service: Our September edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer, learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling, and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service. Click on this link to read more:

<https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd>

First Mennonite Church invites you to a monthly **Board Game Night** the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. (Oct 2, Nov 6 & Dec 4) Some games are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring other games they are excited to play or share! Games will range in difficulty from Uno to Wingspan and beyond! Enter through the East doors and take the stairs to the basement. Hope to see you there!

Kauffman Museum: On Sun., Sept. 29, Mark Jantzen, Bethel College professor of history, speaks on "Brief Imperial Russian Sojourn: Lasting Mennonite Memories," following a brief annual meeting at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. This coincides with the opening of the new special exhibit "Unlocking the Past: Immigrant Artifacts & the Stories They Tell," sparked by the 150th anniversary of the migration of Mennonites from Russia and Prussia to the Central Plains of North America and by the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025.

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Country Breakfast on Sat., October 5, from 7 to 10 a.m., in Kidron Hall. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and eggs by donation. Proceeds benefit the Kidron Bethel Village Health Care Benevolent Fund, assisting residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

