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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 pastors beginning ministry assignments in WDC congregations, as they offer leadership and get to know new faith communities.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge en route to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers.

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October 1, 2023



Gathering song: All Things Bright and BeautifulVT 177

Welcome and announcements Pastor Shana Green

Meditative music: Rhonda Horsch

Gathering prayer..... Pastor Shana Green

Song: Come to Me.....HOS 93 / screen

Song: Kindle Us in Your Love.....VT 54

Offering

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

Sharing NCFC through the 2000's..... Miller Family

Sharing NCFC through the 2010's Weber Family

Sharing NCFC through the 2020's.....Ian Long Sr

Song: Let's Build A HouseVT 36

Song: Taste and SeeVT 467

Communion

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Closing song: My Soul Cries Out.....VT 412

Benediction..... Pastor Shana Green

Contributions Sept 24: General Fund: \$ 1146 Sharing Fund: \$1000

	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 8</u>
Worship leader	Pastor Shana G	<i>50th Anniversary Celebration "Singing Through the Decades"</i>
Song leader	Krista M	
Musicians	Rhonda H	
Children's time	Kristin NE	
Speaker	Miller family, Weber family and Ian Long Sr	
Sound & video	Jair H & Aaron R	George K & Aaron V
Care of building	Miller	Krievins
Childcare	Norm & Emily B	Olivia E & Kelven M
Communion	Audrey R, Andy B, Steve M and Ruth M	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.

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

Books: There is a copy of Nancy Jensen's book, *The Girl Who Cried "Wolf"* at the back of the sanctuary. There are also copies of *A Very Private Residence, Unlocking the Secrets of Kaufman House* by Cathy Conrad. Feel free to borrow these books.

The **Audio/Visual task force** continues to encourage "above budget" contributions to the "A/V Fund". Our goal is to raise \$10,000, and move forward with improvements to our decades old sound system, and patched together video system.

The church has affirmed that this is needed for greater accessibility to our worship experience for all. Next Sunday, when we celebrate New Creation's 50th anniversary, the offering will be designated for the A/V fund. Our fund raising window ends on Monday, after that service.

Please consider a gift to this goal today, or in the next week.

The cumulative celebration of 50 years of New Creation Fellowship is next weekend, October 7 (outside, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, but come earlier and stay later if you wish) and October 8 (inside 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM).

The hosts for this event: All of you who are currently part of the church! Please welcome and interact with those you have never met. Approximately 110 people total are planning to participate. Things to know:

- Saturday Oct. 7: *Connecting Through the Decades***
4:00 - 5:00 "Come to the Welcome Table!" Stop there first, please. Then enjoy any combination of brief activities in the pavilion/playground area, or simply roam and get to know people.
4:00 - 5:00 Interactive, intergenerational, inter-decade Timeline with photos and memories of the past 50 years of church life. Can you guess what some current NCFers looked like 5, 20, 45 years ago?
5:10 Group photo at East entrance of church.
5:30 - 6:45 Potluck supper.
 Bring food to share with about 110 people. Served in basement; eat there or outside. Continue visiting all evening if you wish.
7:00 - ?? Campfire ring for those interested.
 Please bring your own chairs, drinks, jackets, blankets, as it will be a cool evening. Also bring insulated mugs for coffee.

- Sunday Oct. 8: *Singing Through the Decades***
9:30 - 11:45 A celebration of the ever-changing journey of NCFC through words and music. In sanctuary and via Zoom.
 Note: Please prepare to sit closely.
 There will not be a sharing chair, candles, or prayer time.
 Childcare provided 10:50-11:45.
 Hot drinks and water provided; please bring travel mugs.
12:00 - 1:30 Self-serve potato bar lunch.
 Served downstairs; eat there or outside.
 Stay longer to fellowship if you wish.
 Note: Food and drinks provided.
 Donations welcome for the new A/V system.

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 or 316-619-4580 for more info.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The September edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: MDS is hiring several positions; the important role of cooks at an MDS projects; and moving words of gratitude at the closing of the project in Cape Breton. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/45YzaOx>

