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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 WDC congregations as they nurture followers of Christ through faith formation, preparation for baptism and church membership, and ongoing discipleship and service.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Ecuador is holding run-off presidential elections. MMN requests prayers for peace, as the country has been experiencing increasing violence. In August, an anti-corruption candidate, Fernando Villavicencio, was killed at a campaign event, and nine others were injured.

New Creation Fellowship Church October 15, 2023



Piano Prelude: Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory VT 69
Opening song: Oh, Have You Not heardVT 668
Welcome and announcements Megan Thompson
Meditative music
A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus..... VT 626
Just as I am, without One PleaVT 560
Your Love Is Washing Over MeVT 166
Offering
Children's time..... Kristin Neufeld Epp
Scripture Daniel 2:14-23
Sermon: *Life Before the Lion's Den*..... Pastor Shana Green
Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*
Sending song: May the Face of God Shine on You.....VT 844
Benediction..... Pastor Shana Green

Contributions Oct 8 - 10: General Fund: \$3735 Sharing Fund: \$75

| | <u>October 15</u> | <u>October 22</u> |
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| Worship leader | Megan T | Circle Sharing |
| Speaker | Pastor Shana G | |
| Song leader | Vicki L | Vicki L |
| Musicians | Ian GG | Krista M |
| Children's time | Kristin NE | n/a |
| Sound & video | Andy B & Galen M | Jair H & Aaron V |
| Care of building | Anthony & Rhonda H | Ratzlaff Family |
| Childcare | Oliva E & Brenda M | Eliza & Ruby 10-11 Olivia & Kelven 11-12 |

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 Oct 22, we will engage in our annual **Circle Sharing** in the sanctuary or on Zoom. This is a time to reflect on these questions: What are you thankful for in the past year? What are the challenges you face in the coming year? Try to keep your sharing time to three minutes so there is time to hear from everyone.

9:30 Breakfast potluck in the sanctuary (people eat on their laps)

9:45 Welcome, announcements, song, prayer, children invited to share

10:00 Circle Sharing

Childcare will be provided from 10:00 – 12:00.

Bring breakfast items for the potluck. Please consider coming early to move pews and staying a little while afterwards to move pews back.

Let's keep the **Sharing Box** well stocked. This is an easy way to share the blessing of food with our neighbors.

Green candle: We light the green candle amid the white candles to represent those prayer concerns among us that may be quietly carried by an individual but might not be spoken aloud.

MCC Meat Canning: The mobile cannery is coming to Newton. There are opportunities for our church to help on Oct 24 & 25. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2023>.

The **A/V task force** is grateful for the generous contributions to the A/V fund in this last month! We have met and exceeded our goal of \$10,000...with a final total of \$14,371.67 raised, to replace and update the church's sound and video systems. The original proposal was to fund this project from special contributions, along with money from our capital improvement fund. We intend to stay within our proposed budget, which means we will draw less from the capital improvement fund, leaving a balance in that fund for future needs.

The new system will improve the sound within the sanctuary, improve the audio feed to our online participants, and provide audio and video monitoring for musicians and worship leaders. Most significantly, it will stream audio via WIFI into the sanctuary, so that those with hearing issues may more fully participate in worship, through assistive technology. There will be a downloadable app for your phone that can receive this signal. With this app, you can listen to the service through your ear buds, or phone enabled hearing aids, adjusting volume and other settings as needed. There will be "loaner" devices for those that may need them.

We meet with our vendor/consultant this week to confirm and update prices and schedule for delivery and installation of new equipment. There is some work that will begin immediately, such as remodel of the A/V booth, re-routing of wiring, and installation of a video monitor behind the sound booth. If you have any questions, please contact George Krievins. He is the coordinator of the project, on behalf of the A/V task force.
George Krievins for the A/V task force

Living that Matters for Men: A half-day retreat: Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half day retreat, men will examine scripts we've been given, explore differing expressions of masculinity, and reconsider our purpose in life. This retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men and author of *Living that Matters* (Herald Press, 2023), at Shalom Mennonite Church 8:00-12:00 Sat, Nov 11. See more information or register at <https://www.mennonitemen.org/>.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel.

