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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 in pastoral transition, as they discern leadership and vision in the midst of change.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for continually carrying Laura Schlabach, of Mennonite Mission Network, through challenging situations in Mongolia, while she serves outside of her comfort zone on JCS International's three-person executive director team — which is looking for a third person. Pray that JCS will find a full-time executive director and that Laura will find time for rest and renewal.

# NEW CREATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

## RETREAT OCTOBER 19-20, 2024

### Saturday, October 19: 2-5pm **CIRCLE SHARING**

You are invited to join via zoom or in the sanctuary. Most people say they would like to join by zoom. There will also be an in-person option at the church for those who feel more comfortable in person. Circle Sharing is an annual practice where each person receives the invitation to share from our lives while the rest of the circle listens. You are invited to share these questions:

- What are you thankful for in the past year?
- What are the challenges you face?

Try to keep your sharing time to 3-4 minutes so there is time to hear from everyone. Many folks report that this is a special time of connection.

### Sunday, Oct. 20: 9am - noon (zoom or at church)

## INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

9:00 Coffee, tea, donuts and gluten free treats

9:30 "Show and Tell", all are invited to bring something

10:30 Activities include:

- Making music together
- Yard games
- Board games
- Art making
- Visiting and relaxing and having fun together

### Sunday, October 20: noon **POTLUCK**

We ask everyone to help set up and clean up. Bring your own table service and some food to share.

- Items to bring: lawn chairs, travel mugs, yard games, musical instruments, board games and table service for potluck, if you have it.

**Contributions Oct 13:** General Fund:\$1080.00  
Reserve Fund: \$7177.43

	<u>October 20</u>	<u>October 27</u>
Worship leader	<b>Church Retreat 9:00 – 1:00</b>	Anthony H
Speaker		Gordon H interviews Ian GG
Song leader		Krista M
Musicians		Ian GG & Aaron R
Children's time		
Audio & video	George K & Aaron R	Andy B & Aaron V
Childcare	n/a	Olivia E & Brenda M
Care of building	Megan T & Ian GG	Ratzlaff family

There will be **NO craft hang out group** on Oct 20. Come for fellowship and art at our annual church retreat.

**NCFC Book Club:** It is not too late to start reading *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. You are invited to join Pastor Shana in the discussion at 6:30 on Oct 23 and discuss Part 2.

**No breakfast potluck:** We will not have our usual 4<sup>th</sup> of the month breakfast potluck in October due to retreat activities.

Join us for **worship on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Gordon Houser will be interviewing Ian Gingrich-Gaylord.

The **Congregational Care Team** is meeting on Tues, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, concerns or ideas contact Ian, Audrey or Kristin.

Join **Hope Mennonite Church** for their annual Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 9:00am-2:00pm. This will take place at the church building at [868 N. Maize Road, Wichita, KS](#). All proceeds from the event will help support Hope Mennonite Church service projects: Camp Mennoscah, Family Promise and MCC. There will be live music, a bake sale, kids activities, local vendors, Quilter's Corner, and breakfast and lunch – Cinnamon Rolls, German Sausage, Bierocks, Pie, and more. All are welcome!

**Peaceful Options for Training & Careers (POTCS)** is a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and Mennonite Church USA. It aims to counter the military recruitment of U.S. youth. The project's vision is to connect young people with volunteer advisors or counselors who can assist them in finding non-military career, service, and training opportunities. In this webinar, hear more about the project from our panelists: Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, Joe Roos, chair of POTC and pastor at Peace Mennonite Fellowship, Melissa Atchison, pastor at Manhattan Mennonite Church and a spiritual director, and Titus Peachey, retired peace educator for MCC US and current counselor on the GI Rights hotline. Click link to see YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kXWMhAAE8A>

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Our October edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus, learn the latest on the MDS response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and see how wall hangings can provide colors of hope. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3A1Xft6>

Sun., Oct. 27 & Mon., Oct. 28 – **72nd Annual Menno Simons Lectures**, “Russian Mennonite Diasporas on Four Continents in the Age of Empires, Revolutions and Extremes Since the Late 18th Century,” with Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 7 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Lecture 1: “Pioneers in the East: Mennonite Migrations and Settlements in the Former Russian Empire and the Former USSR, 1786-Present”; Lecture 2: “Pioneers in the West: Russian Mennonite Diasporas to North America (Belize, Canada, Mexico and the United States), 1874-Present”; Lecture 3: “Pioneers in the South: Russian Mennonite Diasporas to South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), 1874-Present”

The 2024 **Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty** conference will be held Saturday November 16th from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m at KU Memorial Union, Big 12 Room, 1301 Jayhawk Blvd. in Lawrence, KS. Based on our 2009 statement on the death penalty, WDC is an endorsing organization of the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. Entitled “All In For Repeal”, this conference is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the death penalty. The keynote is Herman Lindsey, who was on Florida's death row for three years despite being innocent. There is no admission charge. Persons may attend in person or register for a virtual link. Register at <https://forms.gle/vqWvTcexPYLFAfou7>. For more information, email [info@ksabolition.org](mailto:info@ksabolition.org) or call 785-235-2237.

