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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, and for those who are considering a call to ministry, that they would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in times of change.

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.



## **New Creation Fellowship Church** November 12, 2023

Opening song: I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me ..... screen

Welcome and announcements .....Anthony Horsch

Call to worship

Music for meditation

Songs for reflection

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning..... screen

Arise shine..... screen

Longing for light..... StJ 54

Stay with me .....VT 627

Offering

Children's time..... Leia Lawrence

Scripture ..... Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon .....Chuck Neufeld  
*Got oil?*

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

Sending song: This little light in mine ..... screen

Benediction

**Contributions Nov 5:** General Fund: \$3650 Preschool Fund: \$43.28

	<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>
Worship leader	Anthony H	Pastor Shana G
Speaker	Chuck N	Mitch S
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N	Ian GG & Aaron R
Children's time	Leia L	Kristin NE
Sound & video	Jair H & Aaron V	George K & Galen M
Care of building	Bernard & Evie R	Megan T & Ian GG
Childcare	Olivia & Kelven	Emily B & Norm L

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 Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Mitch Stutzman's sermon title will be "The God who sees me".

The names we use to describe the divine communicate something about who we understand God to be and our relationship to our God. What language do we use to describe the divine and what does it say about who we are and who God is? His scriptures will be Luke 9: 18-20a

Genesis 16: 7, 13      Exodus 3: 13-15      Exodus 17: 15-16  
Judges 6:24      Psalm 23: 1      Isaiah 9:6

**Safe Sanctuary Training:** Our next Congregational Meeting will be on November 19. This will be a Zoom Meeting from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Kristin Neufeld Epp will be leading our annual Safe Sanctuary Training. We encourage everyone to attend. The current policy will be emailed to you before the meeting.

**Advent Windows:** As Advent season will soon be upon us, you are invited to "adopt" a windowsill in the sanctuary and decorate it around the theme of Advent or Christmas. Sign up for one of the windowsills through this document ([LINK](#)) and plan on having your materials on display by November 26, the first Sunday of Advent. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Eells at [epburdette@gmail.com](mailto:epburdette@gmail.com)

**Childcare** is provided after *Children's Time* for kids second grade and younger.

**NFC Family Events:** If you have a sporting event, musical concert, or artistic exhibition and would welcome attendance from our congregation, please send the details to Brenda. She will publish the information in the bulletin. This is another opportunity to support and connect with each other beyond our Sunday morning gatherings and small groups.

**Save the date** of Dec 17 at 6:30 pm for our annual Christmas Program. We will be recreating a live nativity scene in the sanctuary with twinkly lights and songs. There are no speaking parts and no required rehearsal. Costumes are optional and provided. Contact Kristin if you would like to be involved.

**Jesus Takes a Side book discussion:** On November 15 will be discussing chapters 5-8 and on December 3 will be chapters 9-12. These discussions will be on Zoom starting at 6:00 pm. On January 3 from 7-8 pm we will have the author, Jonny Rashid as our special guest.

**Pastor Shana** will not be in worship with us today. They are available by phone, text and email if you have a pastoral need.

**Breakfast Potluck:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, breakfast potluck will be November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. No breakfast potluck in December.

**Sound system update:** George K has been working on rebuilding the A/V booth so that we can upgrade the almost 30-year-old sound system. He took out the old countertop and sound equipment. He built and stained a new countertop! Also, he has been busy working through all the details in preparation for new equipment coming at the end of the month. Thank you!

**Giving Tuesday at an Evening of Service at MCC!** Nov. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. Bring *new dark colored* hand towels with you to pack hygiene kits (the more towels you bring, the more kits we can pack!). MCC partner Offender Victim Ministries will be here with supplies to write holiday greetings to prisoners, we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy.

**MCC Comforter update:** Thank you to all the hardworking MCC comforter makers who make beautiful, high-quality gifts to share with our partners around the world! For complete MCC comforter information, including the updated guidelines, check out the [Comforters page of our website \(mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters\)](#). Please reach out to the Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast ([katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org)), with any comforter questions!

