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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: Give thanks for changing seasons, and pray that WDC congregations may discern God's presence and guidance in the midst of the opportunities and challenges that they face.

Mennonite Mission Network Tomorrow, Barb Thuma will complete a seven-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray that the love she shared with the children, through teaching English and working with them on the agricultural program, will bear fruit in the lives of each person she learned to know.

New Creation Fellowship Church *November 19, 2023*



Prelude

Opening song: What Is This Place.....VT 22

Welcome and announcements Pastor Shana Green

Mediative music

Everlasting God, On You I Call.....VT 630

ScriptureLibby, Elizabeth, Eldon, Megan, Shana
 Luke 9:18-20a Genesis 16:7,13 Exodus 3:13-15
 Exodus 17:15-16 Psalm 23:1 Isaiah 9:6

The God of Sarah PraiseVT 190

Offering

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

Sermon..... Mitch Stutzman
The God Who Sees Me

Sharing and praying together *O God, hear us*

Sending song: We Dream of a TurningVT 209

Benediction

Contributions Nov 12: General Fund: \$685 Scholarship Fund: \$75

	Nov 19	Nov 26
Worship leader	Pastor Shana G	Audrey R
Speaker	Mitch S	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L
Musicians	Ian GG & Aaron R	Rhonda H
Children's time	Kristin NE	?
Sound & video	George K & Galen M	Andy B & Aaron R
Care of building	Megan T & Ian GG	Steve M & Ruth M
Childcare	Emily B & Norm L	Olivia E & Brenda M

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.

Scripture & Theme for November 26: Pastor Shana begins the advent season with the message "While We Wait". The scripture is Psalm 145.

Advent at New Creation: This year, the worship serving unit has decided to start our Advent one week early, on November 26. We made this decision so that the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas won't have to be "smushed" together on December 24. During worship we will be using the Advent Devotional "The Holy in the Night: Finding Freedom in a Season of Waiting" by Shannon Dycus.

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

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.

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

NCFC 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.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (6-12 month sizes); *new* bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); *new* hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's shirts (sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color) and men's underwear (sizes 2XL, 3XL -- any color). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact 316.283.2720 or brociamueller@mcc.org. A full list of kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The November edition of On the Level is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Kevin King explains how MDS is an emulsifier and check out our new Annual Report. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3G2x3xK>

The application for 2024 Summer Staff at Camp Mennoscah is open! Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins June 2 with orientation for summer-long positions and ends August 4.

Messiah performance at Tabor College Sunday, December 4, 2023, 4pm This concert is a wonderful worshipful time focusing on Handel's wonderful oratorio, *Messiah*. It will include the orchestra with combined choirs and alumni. This is a wonderful way to welcome the Christmas season by proclaiming the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The concert will be in the Richert Auditorium of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts on the campus of Tabor College (311 East B Street, Hillsboro). The concert is free with free-will offering taken to support the Tabor College Music Department.

