

New Creation Fellowship Church

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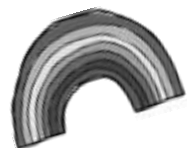
SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages meets on Sundays at 9:30 am during the school year. (March 31)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS are held monthly on the second Sunday of the month before worship. Childcare is provided.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP begins at **10:30 am**. Recordings of our worship services are available on our website. Childcare for children not yet in kindergarten is provided in the basement after Children's Time.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL (potluck style) is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following worship.

YOUTH GROUP is open to youth in grades 6 through high school. We meet with the Shalom youth group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during the school year. For more information, contact sponsors, Jill or Carmina.



NEW CREATION PRESCHOOL

a non-profit outreach of New Creation Fellowship Church
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New Creation Fellowship Church

March 24, 2019

4th Sunday of Lent

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.

Gathering song: O let all who thirst - HWB 495
Welcome and announcements
Meditative music

Lord, listen to your children praying - HWB 353
Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Far, far away from my loving father - HWB 139
Stay with me the night has come - screen

Offering
Children's time: Kristin Neufeld-Epp

Sermon: *God reaches out with open arms;*
Pastor Derrick Ramer

Prayer time: (response "O Lord, hear us")

Closing song: I love to tell the story HWB 398
Benediction

LAST WEEK (March 24): Attendance: 76
General Fund Contributions: \$1741.25
College Scholarship Fund: \$400.00

TODAY (March 31):

Greeters: Ben M and Stephany M
Worship leader: Megan T
Sound system: Garth M
Music: Vicki L, Becky M and Pastor Derrick R
Childcare: Michelle R and Callan B
Sunday care of the building: Baldwin and Miller families

NEXT WEEK (April 7):

Greeters: Marvin P and Mara O
Worship leader: Anthony H
Sound system: Andy B
Music: Chuck N & Bonnie N
Children's time: Kristin NE
Teaching: Elbiata Singers from Gossel High School
Communion Servers: Rhonda H, Melissa K, Carmina S, and George K
Childcare: Naomi E and Keria M
Care of building: Voth, B & E Regier and Mock households
Lectionary Text:

[Isaiah 43:16-](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-](#)

[John 12:1-8](#)

NCFC BREAK: You are invited to fellowship with NCFC friends and Pastor Derrick Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Newton Donut Shop (by Papa John's).

COINS FOR MCC: Bring your loose change to help meet the goal of \$500.



LENTEN VISUALS: The Christ candle represents the light and life of Christ. The wax poured out symbolizes the gift of God's love and forgiveness.

The **ELBIATA SINGERS** from Gossel High School will be sharing music with us during worship on Sunday April 7. Stephany and Edel will be singing in the choir.

The next **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be on April 14 at 9:00. The Leadership and Congregation Relationship Team will be coordinating the meeting. *Derrick has been asked to consider the possibility of performing a wedding of two women. Western District Conference requires the blessing of the congregation for weddings other than heterosexual marriage. Leadership and congregation relations team asks to test consensus for Derrick to perform a wedding of any committed couple in consultation with the congregational care team.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: Our church offers support to our high school graduates through a scholarship fund for those pursuing their first post-high school degree. The scholarship amount depends on the number of applicants and the amount donated. We need to have these donations by May 31 for the 2019-20 school year. If you wish to donate to the above budget fund, please make your check to NCFC with "college scholarship" written in the memo or designate any cash gift in the same way. We have heard many positive comments from past recipients - even when the amount is small - as it symbolizes a concrete way for them to experience our support. The scholarship application is available at the back of the sanctuary. Return applications to Aaron Ratzlaff by June 1.

The **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM** will be having their quarterly meeting on Wednesday April 10th at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend. Contact Garth, Jim or Clark B with questions, concerns or input.

Wider church announcements & prayer requests

Everence will hold an informative Medicare workshop in April. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. It will be held at 3179 N. Main St. on Tuesday, April 2 (6:30 p.m.). Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; michelle.ramer@everence.com.

2019 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is coming on April 12 – 13: NCFC has been asked to make 20 pies and 5 loaves of bread. Can you help? There are pie plates and bread bags with directions at the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions or looking for other volunteer options see Michelle Ramer.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals this summer in Kentucky or West Virginia to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Western District Conference encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC as we share together in God's work. In his book, *A spirituality of fundraising*, Henri Nouwen writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." Contributions to WDC may be made online at <http://mennowdc.org> or sent to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

