

New Creation Fellowship Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages meets on Sundays at 9:30 am during the school year. (April 7 and April 28)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS are held monthly on the second Sunday of the month before worship. Childcare is provided. (April 14)

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. (April 14 and April 28)

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

April 7, 2019

Lent 5: God makes a way through mighty waters

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.

Opening song: In thee is gladness - HWB 114

Welcome and announcements

Call to worship

Music for meditation

Scripture: Isaiah 43

Songs of reflection:

Though the fig tree should not bloom - screen

Streams will flow in the desert - screen

O Lord, our God, we lift up our hearts to you - screen

Precious Lord, take my hand – HWB 575

Offering

Time with the children: Kristin Neufeld Epp

Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School

Communion

Celebrating life together – Response: *Oh Lord, hear us*

Praying together

Closing song: Stay with me, the night has come – screen

Benediction

LAST WEEK (March 31): Attendance: 79
General Fund Contributions: \$1317

TODAY (April 7):
Greeters: Marvin P and Mara O
Worship leader: Anthony H
Sound system: Andy B
Music: Chuck N & Bonnie N
Communion Servers: Rhonda H, Melissa K, Carmina S, and Mona K
Childcare: Naomi E and Keria M
Care of the building: Schlabach, B & E Regier and Mock households

NEXT WEEK (April 14):
Greeters: Michelle R and Edel M
Worship leader: Audrey R
Sound system: Aaron R
Music: Gordon H, Ian GG, Pastor Derrick R
Children's time: Mona K
Teaching: Pastor Derrick R
Childcare: Clark B and Eliza E
Sunday care of the building: Voth, Suter and E Esau/J Regier
Lectionary Text:

Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
			Luke 23:1-49

We serve **GLUTEN FREE** bread for communion.

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.

CAMP MENNOSCAH: It is time to register for summer camps. If youth are interested in attending, the church will pay 1/2 the camp fee. If a family is not able to contribute the other 1/2 of the fee, then a sharing fund request can be submitted. See Carmina if you have questions. There are brochures at the back of the sanctuary. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

BOOKS: We have a new box of books from Western District Resource Library. There are books on climate change, peacebuilding, Lent and Easter reflections. There are also novels and children's books.

LENTEN VISUALS: In Jesus we are washed and made new. The washing of hands stirs hope within us as God does "a new thing" in us. Feel free to dip your fingers in the cleansing water and applying it to the top of your hand in a soothing, stroking motion. Dry the wetness with the soft towel. Feel God's spirit refreshing your spirit.

PASTOR DERRICK will be attending a conference entitled: *Who Cares About Climate Change? Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair*. He will be at Camp Mennoscah Monday through Wednesday.

The **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM** will be having their quarterly meeting on Wednesday April 10th at 7:30 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend. Contact Garth, Jim or Clark B with questions, concerns or input.

The next **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be on April 14 at 9:00. 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.

Our **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** will be held on April 18 at 7:00 pm in the basement. Communion will be served. After the service, we would like to request your help to set up tables for Easter breakfast.



8:00 am - sunrise service led by youth
8:30 am - potluck breakfast
9:45 am - worship service

Please bring breakfast foods to share (main dish, fruit, eggs or breads). We need help with clean up after breakfast, so we can be finished in time for worship.

You are invited to bring fresh spring cut flowers to decorate the cross and the window sills. The cross, a symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

5 questions, 5 minutes, 5 days: Please watch your email for the annual intention to give survey from the Admin Team. As part of our budget process, we again ask you to take just a few minutes to respond to the survey through "Survey Monkey". Admin Team will meet on Wednesday evening and will be working on the budget. It would be helpful to have the bulk of the responses by then. Every adult with an email listed in the church directory will receive this survey. If someone in your household has already responded, please skip down to question 3 on your survey and let the "monkey" know. This will turn off the pesky reminders that will be automatically sent, otherwise. Thank you so much for your participation!

