

New Creation Fellowship Church

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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.

Lectionary text for Sept 12:

Proverbs	Isaiah 50:4-9a	James	Mark
1:20-33	Psalm 116:1-9	3:1-12	8:27-38
Psalm 19	Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1		

Offering for Aug 30-Sept 3:

General: \$145 Scholarship Fund: \$170

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's faithfulness with WDC congregation Buhler (KS) Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their centennial today and look forward to fruitful ministry in the future!

Mennonite Mission Network: Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through MMN at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed.

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September 5, 2021

Speaker: Marvin Penner

Sermon title: *The Journey*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; 2 Timothy 1:7

Pastor Derrick will be out of town through Monday, Sept. 6. Please contact the Congregation Care Team (Becky, Krista or Norm) for pastoral needs.

Church Directory: We will be updating the church directory soon. Let Brenda know if you have any changes in your contact information.

No Congregational Meeting in September.

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Food Pantry: If you would like to make food donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank, please deliver to 208 W. 6th in Newton.

VOICES
(AND PINTS)
Together

You are invited on Sat. Sept. 11 at 6:06 pm to the NCFC west lawn. Support Mennonite Central Committee, get to know the new hymnal and enjoy refreshments in a family-friendly hymn sing as we celebrate relief, development, peace and fellowship in the name of Christ.

Locally produced beers, wines and nonalcoholic beverages will be available to sample during a 6:06 p.m. fellowship hour of bluegrass music featuring *The Flannelbacks* preceding the 7 p.m. outdoor hymn sing. Bring chairs/blankets and a Voices Together hymnal. Paper song sheets will also be available. This event is not affiliated with the Voices Together Committee, Herald Press, Mennonite Central Committee or New Creation Fellowship Church. As a celebration of faith, fellowship and family, moderation and responsibility are a priority in this worship setting.

Preschool announcement on next page.





New Creation Preschool

We are scheduled to begin the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, September 13. Kristin and Brenda are the teachers for all classes. Bonnie, Norm, Vicki, Mona and Kelven are returning as volunteers.

Kristin will continue with weekly online Circle Times, free and open to the public. While there are only 5 families who chose exclusive online preschool, the online instruction will serve as back up (families have agreed to keep paying tuition even if their children have to move to remote learning/take home materials).

We've made some adjustments to our program due to the pandemic and are ready to adjust them on a moment's notice. We have reduced class schedule (one class a day rather than 2) and class size (a max of 12 children rather than 15) as well as increased the age to 3 years (rather than 2.5 years).

Most notable:

- MASKS: masking will be mandatory indoors and on the playground for all people over the age of 1 regardless of vaccination/immunity status at all times except when eating or drinking which will happen on picnic blankets at least 6 feet between households.

- VENTILATION: the majority of our preschool time will be outdoors (so grateful for the shelter going up!). For any time indoors, all basement windows will be open with fans/HVAC running for increased ventilation.

- VACCINATION/TESTING: all staff/volunteers are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. We are working intentionally to encourage families to get vaccinated, mask up in public and get tested regularly.

You can read the entire Covid-19 response plan and our entire Preschool Handbook on our website www.newcreationpreschool.com and attached here.

While we believe we are doing as much as we can to reduce the likelihood of transmission in our program, we assume that Covid-19 will impact us.

Please pray for us that we don't participate in transmitting it further. Please pray that we can survive financially. Please pray that families respect our expectations. Please pray that we sense and follow Spirit's leading as the school year goes on.

