

## 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 19:

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| <a href="#">Proverbs 31:10-31</a> | <a href="#">Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22</a> | <a href="#">James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a</a> | <a href="#">Mark 9:30-37</a> |
| <a href="#">Psalm 1</a>           | <a href="#">Psalm 54</a>                          |  |                              |

### Offering for Sept 5 - 10:

General: \$4160 Sharing Fund: \$30

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Western District Women in Mission, as they host their annual retreat at Camp Mennoscah this weekend.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer's family is together on the North American part of their two-way mission — between Ecuador and the United States — through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for God's leading, as health issues and logistical problems, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have caused many changes to their plans.

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### September 12, 2021

**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick Ramer

**Sermon title:** *Taming the Tongue*

**Scripture:** James 3:1-12



'Like' Newton Creation Fellowship Church on Facebook for announcements, pictures of church events, inspiration and preschool updates.

Check out the **WDC Resource Library's** new Reading Challenges. Find out more at [mennowdc.beanstack.org](http://mennowdc.beanstack.org) or find the Beanstack App in the Apple or Google Play Store. Please contact the library with any questions.

### Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, November 5-7, at Camp Mennoscah!

Register at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)! There is only one Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Fees for the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat have increased to \$150 to meet higher costs and the use of multiple facilities. For those who find the increase prohibitive, there is an option to receive up to \$25 in scholarship funds per person as part of the registration process.

**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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale:** The relief sale board gave MCC a check for \$500,000 from the sale that took place in July! Thank you for donating your time and energy, making and buying food, donating and bidding on cars, furniture, quilts and art to support the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. In the past 14 months the Kansas sale has donated just under \$1 million (all during a pandemic!) to support the worldwide work of MCC. Your support becomes food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, and locally owned projects that address barriers to human flourishing, thank you.

**Peace Connections:** Thanks to the skilled coordination and generosity of Dave Bauhman, proceeds from the 2nd Annual Chili Run event will be donated to Peace Connections! Drive thru the North Dillons parking lot between 11am-2pm on Sept. 18 and pick up a delicious cup of chili - suggested donation \$5.00.



# 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](http://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.*

