

New Creation Fellowship Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages meets on Sundays at 9:30 am during the school year. (No Sunday School in December)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS are held monthly on the second Sunday of the month before worship. (No meeting in December)

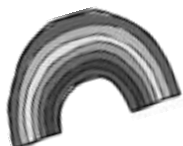
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP begins at **10:30 am**. Recordings of our worship services are available on our website. Childcare for children not yet in kindergarten is provided in the basement after Children's Time.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL (potluck style) is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following worship. (December 8 and 22)

YOUTH GROUP is open to youth in grades 6 through high school. They meet with the Shalom youth group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during the school year.

NEW CREATION PRESCHOOL

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

December 1, 2019



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.

Welcome

Opening song: Sleepers, wake! HWB 188

Introductions and announcements

Call to worship

Meditative music

Time of singing:

Come and be light for our eyes StJ 5

Let there be light, Lord God STJ 67

Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB 176

Offering

Children's time: Rebecca Barrett-Fox

The journey to the manger: Mary and Gabriel

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

Teaching: *Our wait begins* Pastor Derrick Ramer

Communion

Sharing reflections, joys & prayer concerns

(Response: *O God, hear us*)

Sending song: Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB 178

Benediction

LAST WEEK (Nov 24): Attendance: 70
General Fund: \$1671.30, Sharing fund \$750

TODAY (December 1):

Greeters: Michelle V and Miler R

Worship leader: Rebecca BF

Sound system: Aaron R

Music: Vicki L and Becky M

Childcare: Bonnie N and Michelle R

Communion: Rhonda H, Mona K, Jeanne H and Gordon H

Care of the building: Lichti, Koons and Neufeld Epp families

NEXT WEEK (December 8):

Greeters: Michelle R and Callan B

Worship leader: Megan T

Sound system: Garth M

Music: Gordon H, Krista M and Michelle V

Childcare: Brenda M and Dilica H

Children's time: Mona K

Teaching: Pastor Derrick R

Care of the building: Brown, Murray and Baldwin families

Lectionary Text:

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Psalm 72:1-7,
18-19](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

[Matt. 3:1-12](#)

NEW CREATION BREAK: Tues at 10:00 am at the Newton Donut Shop.

Gluten free bread is served at communion.

There will be **NO Congregational Meeting** in December.



The annual **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on December 8 at 6:00 pm. Kids of all ages are invited to be part of the program. If you are interested, please plan to attend the program practice on

December 8 at 9:30 am. If you have questions, see Kristin. After the program, there will be a fellowship time. Please bring finger foods, snacks, cookies or fruit to share.

Wider church announcements

All **MCC** volunteers and alumni are invited to our annual come-and-go MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 12 from 5-7 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th). We will have food, Christmas cheer and plenty of time for fellowship. At 6 p.m. we'll pause for a short program about Christmas around the world from our International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants. You don't want to miss this annual event!

Everence[®] will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Giving Tuesday is coming up on Tuesday, December 3, and on that day **ONLY**, if you give a new donation to Camp Mennoscah of at least \$20 or \$20 more than last year, you'll receive a jar of sandplum jelly, from sandplums harvested at Camp Mennoscah! If you make that new donation at least \$100 or \$100 more than last year, you'll receive a jar of sandplum jelly **AND** a dozen zwieback. There are only 30 jars and only 10 dozen zwieback, so give to camp on Tuesday, December 3! Send a check to Camp Mennoscah with "Giving Tuesday" in a note, or give online at campmennoscah.org.

Check out the **Anabaptist Advent** at Home resources for children and families at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home/>

WDC Resource Library Christmas Wish List: Give the gift of a resource this Christmas. Check out the library wish list through Faith and Life Bookstore (in store or at <https://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>). All items will be added to the collection with a bookplate saying who the item was given in honor of. Celebrate the season with this unique gift idea.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Pray for God's care and strength for members of WDC congregations and communities who struggle with grief, trauma or mental health concerns, especially during the winter and holiday season.

The annual **Lighting of the Green** at Bethel College will be, Sunday, December 8 at 8 p.m.

