

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
Kristin Neufeld Epp, director/teacher
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December 8, 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: Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Introductions and announcements

Meditative music

Time of singing:

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| On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry | HWB 183 |
| From the depths of sin | HWB 136 |
| Christ's is the world | StJ 62 |

Offering

Children's time: Mona Krievins

The journey to the manger: Mary and Joseph

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Teaching: *Getting ready while we wait* Pastor Derrick

Sharing reflections, joys & prayer concerns

(Response: *O God, hear us*)

Sending song: Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB 176

Benediction

LAST WEEK (Dec 1): Attendance: 65
General Fund: \$2509
Sharing Fund \$150
Preschool Tuition Assistance Fund: \$125
Ann Showalter Memorial Funds \$200

TODAY (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
Care of the building: Brown, Murray and Baldwin families

NEXT WEEK (December 15):
Greeters: Ruby B and Moe BF
Worship leader: Pastor Derrick R
Sound system: Andy B and Dominic R
Music: Chuck N and Ian GG
Childcare: Anne R and Rebecca BF with Gus
Children's time: Leia L
Teaching: Audrey R
Care of the building: Ramer, A & J Esau and Mays
Lectionary Text:

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| Isaiah 35:1-10 | Psalm 146:5-10 | James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-11 |
| | Luke 1:46b-55 | | |

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

LENDING LISTS: We are updating the *NCFC Lending Lists*. These are items that you are willing to share with others in our church community. The current list is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. Here are examples of things you might want to add to the list: outdoor equipment, power tools, games, kitchen tools, garden tools, trailers or mobility aids. Please let Brenda know if you have items to be added to the Lending List.

PRESCHOOL COOKIES: As is our tradition, we will provide cookies for our preschool families at Christmas time. Please bring homemade or store bought cookies to the church kitchen before December 17. We have a few families with dietary restrictions - cinnamon free, peanut free, gluten free and dairy free. If you bring cookies for special diets, please seal and mark them CF, PF, GF or DF. *Thank you very much!*



The annual **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is TODAY December 8 at 6:00 pm. After the program, there will be a fellowship time. Please bring snacks.

Harvest of Love Fund Drive: This program, managed by the Newton Ministerial Alliance that has been in operation for well over 15 years. In the past year, they gave out over \$35,000 worth of food. They also help with utility bills, rent, IDs, prescriptions, doctor visits and gas for job seekers. There are envelopes at the back of the sanctuary for your Harvest of Love offering.

Wider church announcements

Camp Mennoscah loves to celebrate our volunteers and Christmas. We're throwing a party for everyone who has ever volunteered at Camp Mennoscah in any capacity on December 14 at 2:30 pm. Spouses and families welcome. We'll provide some snacky items and simple drinks. Come play games and talk with fellow volunteers!

Longest Night Service: Sat., Dec. 21 is the shortest day and the longest night of the year. This comes when we are expectantly awaiting the arrival of the light of the world, Jesus. On Dec. 21 at 7 pm, Shalom Mennonite will have a "longest night" service, a time of scripture, singing, and remembrance."

First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st, Newton will present Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm with a community chorus, orchestra and soloists Holly Swartzendruber, Monica Schmidt Spicer, Matthew Schloneger, and Christopher Kliever. The director is Matthew Graber.

Night in the Barn: Everyone is invited to come to Night in the Barn at Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton) on Dec. 21 and 22 from 5-7pm. Interact with the characters, sounds, lights, and animals of this timeless tale and enjoy this walking tour with family and friends. A suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and a snack. Presented by Tabor Mennonite Church Youth, with part of the proceeds going to the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship. Call 620-367-2721 with questions.

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our February 2020 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on *The dignity of bodies*. More information at: <https://themennonite.org/february-2020-call-submissions/>

Youth Venture Team: Experience the town of Jesus, meet its people, learn their language, join and experience local churches, and explore the rich and varied culture of Israel. Apply to join the Nazareth Village Youth Venture team at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve. Age 18+; term: 2-3 weeks.

