

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 December 20:

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)

[Luke 1:46b-55](#)
[Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26](#)

[Romans 16:25-27](#)

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

Offering: December 7 - 11

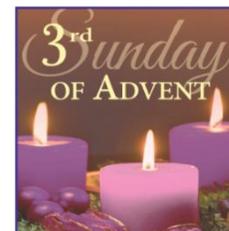
General: \$4735 Scholarship fund: \$320
Preschool tuition: \$60 Preschool fund: \$75 Sharing fund: \$30

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Joe Sawatzky, who recently became an international education liaison for MMN and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Pray for Joe and global church leaders, as they seek to strengthen the body of Christ through Anabaptist education initiatives around the world.

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December 13, 2020



Speaker: Pastor Derrick Ramer

Sermon title: On the road to restoration

Text: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There will be NO **Congregational Meeting** in the month of December.



Our virtual **Christmas Program** video will premiere at **6 pm on Saturday, Dec 12th**. See email or Facebook posting sent on Friday for more information.

Leadership Teams: We are blessed today to announce that the open position for both the Administration Team and the Congregation Care Team has been filled. Michelle Voth will be joining the Admin Team and Norm Lichti will be joining the Congregation Care Team. Thank you for your willingness to share your gifts and serve New Creation in this way! Please continue to pray for our Leadership Teams in 2021: Administration Team: Clark Baldwin, Libby Baumgartner, and Michelle Voth; Congregation Care Team: Becky Miller, Krista Murray, and Norm Lichti; Leadership and Congregation Relations Team: Ian Gingrich-Gaylord, Miles Reimer, and Christy Schunn. Thank you to Jim Weber (departing the Admin Team) and Aaron Ratzlaff (departing Congregation Care Team) for all the work you have done in the past 3 years. Thank you for your leadership and service to New Creation.

Advent Reflections: Heartfelt THANKS to Lori, Flurry, Dominic & Zeke, Megan & Ian, Ember, Bonnie, Aaron, Michelle & Sophia for this week's Advent Reflections! The third week will have a bit of focus on musical offerings! There are a few spots open during Advent, and Audrey is trying to decide whether there is enough interest to continue through the 12 Days of Christmas up to Epiphany. Please contact Audrey Ratzlaff by Wednesday if you have something you'd like to share.

New Creation Preschool: We received 60 rolls of paper towels, 3 jugs of bleach, 10 boxes of gloves, 18 bottles of Purell spray and 21 tubs of wipes from a grant at Harvey County Health Department. The Preschool is grateful for these donations and the many donations of money and items from individuals. Each month 50 boxes are filled with projects, activities and

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they navigate endings and discern new beginnings in the midst of the pandemic.

snacks for the preschoolers. If you would like to help purchase items to fill these boxes, consider purchasing something off the preschool Amazon Wish List. Even if you're not in a position to purchase items, you can always look at our Wish List to see what we're planning. Here's the link: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TFPY6V4MBA80...> We are ever grateful for all the enthusiastic support to the preschool program.

Annual Cookie Parade: Carmina, Cheyanne and Ember Suter invite you to their 14th Annual Cookie Parade on Saturday, Dec 19, 2020 at 2 Sycamore Court. During COVID we could use some "safe" holiday traditions, so we are going to keep it going with some changes to decrease the risk of infection. Please follow the link to RSVP by Wednesday, December 16.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EABAE2FA7F58-covidsafe>

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MCC Comforter Blitz update: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. We need your help to meet this goal! Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org, or 316.804.8432.