

## New Creation Fellowship Church

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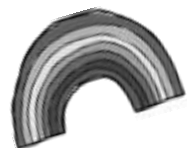
**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for all ages meets on Sundays at 9:30 am during the school year. (No Sunday School in December)

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS** are held monthly on the second Sunday of the month before worship.

**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 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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# New Creation Fellowship Church

December 15, 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.

Opening song: My soul proclaims with wonder HWB 181

Introductions and announcements

Meditative music

Call to worship

Songs:

The Magnificat HOS 328

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB 172

Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB 178

Hark! The glad sound! HWB 184

Offering

Children's time: Leia Lawrence

*The journey to the manger: The Shepherds*

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

Teaching: *What am I waiting for?* Audrey Ratzlaff

Sharing reflections, joys & prayer concerns

(Response: *O God, hear us*)

Closing song: Gloria HWB 204

Benediction

**LAST WEEK (Dec 8):** Attendance: 72  
General Fund: \$1561  
Preschool Tuition Assistance Fund: \$909  
Ann Showalter Memorial Funds \$25

**TODAY (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  
**Care of the building:** Ramer, A & J Esau and Mays families

**NEXT WEEK (December 22):**  
**Greeters:** Steve M and Mara O  
**Worship leader:** Mona K  
**Sound system:** George K  
**Music:** Pastor Derrick R and Rhonda H  
**Childcare:** Eliza E and Amy R  
**Children's time:** Rebecca BF  
**Teaching:** Pastor Derrick R  
**Care of the building:** Houser, Reimer/Landis and Voth families  
**Lectionary Text:**

<a href="#">Isaiah 7:10-16</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</a>	<a href="#">Romans 1:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 1:18-25</a>
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**NEW CREATION BREAK:** Tues at 10:00 am at the Newton Donut Shop.



**PRESCHOOL COOKIES:** The congregation is invited to bring cookies for our tradition to give each preschooler a plate of cookies as a gift from our church. Please bring cookies before Dec 17. Why do we do this? In the words of the preschoolers, "a gift is just to remind people that you already love them."

**Contributions:** You can have your monthly contributions to NCFC automatically withdrawn from your banking account on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please contact Brenda. If you need to change the amount or stop your automatic withdraw, we can do that also!

## Wider church announcements

**Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk:** Sat., Dec. 21, 2019, 5:30 – 6:30 pm at Prairie View, 1901 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Newton.

**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.

**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 5-7 pm. 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.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Region 3** is sending out a call for volunteers to help. As we enter the season of giving, consider giving your time to volunteer. Kansas MDS continues repair work from tornado damage in Eureka, KS. Volunteers are needed for workdays, Dec. 16 to 21, for window and door replacement. Lodging and meals are all provided. For information contact Jordan Miller (316) 217-4570, [jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmiller795@gmail.com).

The Youth Ministry Committee of Western District and South Central conferences presents... **Youth Lead Now**, a one-day workshop designed for high school youth to enrich their leadership skills and deepen faith. Using the adaptive leadership framework from the Kansas Leadership Center and well known spiritual practices, we will equip youth with skills to be leaders among their peers, in their churches, and in their communities. Our hope is that congregations would partner with us by sending youth who have been affirmed for their leadership gifts or potential.

Date: January 11, 2020 from 9am to 4pm

Location: Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS

Registration Fee: \$50 (scholarships available upon request)

**MMN:** Join an intentional community with peers, serve with a local nonprofit, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Learn more at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve). Age: 20+; term: 1–2 years.

Join **SOOP** and use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibility designed for retirees, families, and adults over 25. Explore opportunities at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

