

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. Childcare is provided.

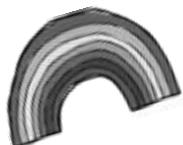
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP begins at **10:30 am**. Sunday Worship Services are available on CD and our website. Childcare for children not yet in kindergarten is provided in the basement after Children's Time.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL (potluck style) is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following worship. (Dec 23)

YOUTH GROUP is open to youth in grades 6 through high school. We meet with the Shalom youth group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during the school year. For more information, contact sponsors, Jill or Carmina.

NEW CREATION PRESCHOOL

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

December 16, 2018

3rd Week of Advent

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:

O come, O come, Immanuel - HWB 172

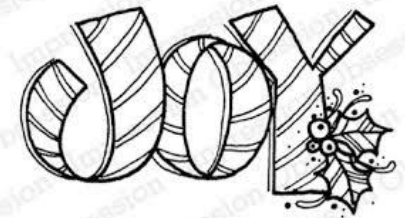
Come, thou long-expected Jesus - HWB 178

Hark! The glad sound! - HWB 184

Offering

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

Children's time: Brenda Mays



Teaching: Miles Reimer

Sharing our reflections, joys and prayer concerns

(Response: *O Lord, hear us*)

Closing song: Gloria – HWB 204

Benediction

LAST WEEK (Dec 9): Attendance: 74
Contributions: General \$1276

TODAY (Dec 16):

Greeters: Jennifer Esau and Edel Miller
Worship leader: Pastor Derrick Ramer
Sound system: George Krievins
Music: Ruth Meyer, Ian Gingrich-Gaylord and Michelle Voth
Childcare: Clark Baldwin and Edel Miller
Sunday care of the building: Penner, Minder and Ratzlaff families

NEXT WEEK (Dec 23):

Greeters: Ruby Brown and Mara Oswald
Worship leader: Audrey Ratzlaff
Sound system: Andy Brown
Music: Vicki Lichti, Bonnie Neufeld and Aaron Ratzlaff
Children's time: Bonnie and Chuck Neufeld
Teaching: Pastor Derrick Ramer
Childcare: Anne Regier and Ben Meyer
Sunday care of the building: Baldwin and A&J Esau families
Lectionary Text:

[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

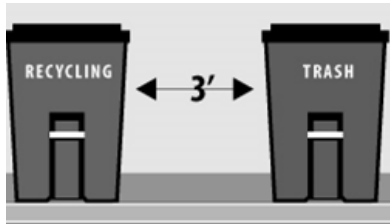
[Luke 1:46b-55](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7](#)

[Luke 1:39-45](#)

You are invited to the annual **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** today, December 16 at 6:00 pm. After the program there will be a fellowship time. PLEASE bring snacks, treats, cookies or fruit to share.



TRASH CARTS: When you place our trash and recycling carts at the curb, please make sure there is at least 3 feet of separation between the carts. Carts should be facing the street with the lid fully closed. Thank you for your help in complying with the city regulations.

END OF YEAR GIVING NOTE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM: *The financial report shows that we are behind the pace on pledged giving for the fiscal year. This has been a trend that we've seen in the past. In the past few years, we have been able to make progress on getting caught up with year-end giving. Thank you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution that will help get us back on track. Please remember that any charitable contributions you plan for the 2018 tax year should be made by Sunday December 30th.*

PRESCHOOL COOKIES: As is our tradition, we will provide cookies for our preschool families. Please bring homemade or store bought Christmas goodies to the church kitchen before **December 18**. We also provide gluten and peanut free cookies for a couple of our families. If you would like to provide GF/PF, please seal and mark them with ingredient list. Thank you very much!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Everyone is invited to a coffee and donut break every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Newton Donut Shop, 1710 N Main Street. Come for fellowship with NCFC friends and Pastor Derrick.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Junior High youth group fundraiser! We raised enough to send the youth group to Hesston College's *Know Jesus* event. We are grateful to the support of our congregations!

Wider church announcements

Longest Night Service: Shalom Mennonite Church will host a Longest Night Service at 7 p.m. Dec. 21. The service on the longest day of the year is an opportunity for reflection for those who struggle during the holiday season or those who have experienced grief, loss, darkness or depression through the year. The church is located at 800 E. First St., Newton.

The **Resource Library** is decked out in its Christmas finery. Come take a look and go home with a good book! There are stories for all ages, pictures to color, giant Advent posters, and scratch off ornaments to make. We're open 8am-5pm. (Closed December 24-January 1.) 2517 N. Main in North Newton.

Borderlands Tour: WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to register for the May 6-11, 2019 MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. Go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands> to register. Cost: \$650. For more information, contact Kathy at 316-283-6300.

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our February 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Transformation. More information at: <https://themennonite.org/february-2019-call-submissions-transformation/>

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Pray for WDC chaplains and pastors who offer caring ministry to those seeking healing, hope and comfort.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK requests prayer for Mark and Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

