

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.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations as a visible expression of God's presence in local communities, now in this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Mennonite Mission Network: Matthew and Toni Krabill, of MMN, are serving as co-directors for the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for their health, creativity, and joy, as they welcome researchers, share Anabaptist resources and develop online classes for French-speaking theology students throughout the world.

New Creation Fellowship Church Dec. 19, 2021



Focus for the fourth week of Advent: What amazing love is this that the Godhead comes down to us in the little clan of a little people and takes on a human face? With Mary, we rejoice in God, our Savior, by actively participating in God's leveling mercy. Pull out the 'zine' card from your home Advent packet and display it to then contemplate or talk about God's face with your household this week.

- Prelude Chuck Neufeld
- Welcome Pastor Derrick Ramer
- Meditative music Chuck Neufeld
- Call to worship Pastor Derrick Ramer
- Candle litany Derrick & Michelle Ramer
- Children's story (video) Rebecca Barrett-Fox
- Special music Dominic Ramer
- Scripture: Luke 1:39-55 Steph Meyer
- Prayer of confession Pastor Derrick Ramer
- Sermon: *Dare to Imagine God's Face!* John Murray
- Sharing our reflections, joys and prayer concerns
..... (Response: *O God, hear us*)
- Benediction Pastor Derrick Ramer

Offering for Dec 12-17

General: \$595 Sharing Fund: \$170

Today, December 19

Worship leader: Pastor Derrick Ramer
Musician: Chuck Neufeld
Care of the building: Norm & Vicki Lichti

Next week, December 26

Worship leader: Anthony Horsch
Speaker: Pastor Derrick Ramer
Musician: Michelle Voth
Children's time: Rebecca Barrett-Fox
Care of the building: Hurst family



Lectionary text for December 26:

[1 Samuel](#)

[Psalm 148](#)

[Colossians 3:12-17](#)

[Luke 2:41-52](#)

[2:18-20, 26](#)

Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, Dec. 19: 4th Sunday of Advent, Dare to imagine God's face!

2-5pm Intergenerational activities in churchyard: art project, care packages and fellowship/singing

SUNDAY, Dec. 26: "Christmas Sunday," Dare to imagine God's robe!

SUNDAY, Jan. 2: Epiphany Sunday, Dare to imagine God's dance!



Our preschool will be closed for Christmas break December 20-January 5. As we finish 2021, it is amazing to report that we have had no Covid exposure at our preschool. We credit families for helping make this possible: this year families are keeping their children home when they show the slightest symptoms of illness, when someone in the home has covid or is quarantined or even when anyone in the home has been considered a close contact. When preschoolers stay home, Kristin bags up all the

supplies from each day they've missed, brings them to her home porch and families come pick them up. Kristin still does a weekly online Circle Time so children can continue experiencing preschool from home. These weekly online sessions are free and available to anyone via the New Creation Preschool YouTube channel.

Mentor Guideline Task Force: Congregation Care Team is setting up a task force to look at the Mentor Program Guidelines in our Safe Sanctuaries policy. This task force will meet as needed in the month of January with the goal of bringing some recommendations to the February Congregational Meeting. Carmina Suter and Ruth Meyer are on this task force and if you have interest in joining them, contact Krista Murray from the Congregation Care Team.

Baptism: Someone has expressed interest in baptism in the spring. Are there others who would also be interested in baptism? Please let Pastor Derrick know if you are interested in exploring baptism.



Intergenerational Art and Fellowship: TODAY, Dec. 19th from 2 to 5 pm. We will create an art project outside that is meant to represent how our lives and stories are woven together. All are invited and feel free to bring materials such as paper, paint, yarn, fabric, feathers, small toys or beads.

Sharing Box: Please come to the Sharing Box by the church to add or take items. Let us continue to pray for both the givers and the receivers.

Longest Night Service: December 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. Masks required.

Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk: Come enjoy the Winter Solstice by walking the Circle of Peace labyrinth on the Prairie View campus in Newton. This is a come and go event on Tuesday, December 21st from 5:15 to 6:15 pm at Prairie View, 1900 E 1st, Newton.

Camp Mennoscah Merch! From CamelBaks to tee shirts and stickers, you can find your Camp Mennoscah merchandise at <https://camp-mennoscah-store.square.site/s/shop> Share a bit of summer with friends and family this Christmas!

Mennonite Disaster Service: The December edition of On the Level is now available. In our current issue: MDS responds to the deadly tornadoes in the Midwest and parts of the South, MDS Canada needs volunteers to help survivors recover from extensive flooding in British Columbia, and you can learn more about our Annual Celebration in Sarasota, Florida in January. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3GORUmS>

