

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.

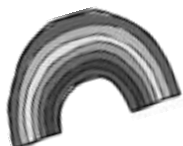
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP begins at **10:30 am**. Sunday Worship Services are available on CD and our website. Childcare for children not yet in kindergarten is provided in the basement after Children's Time.

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
Kristin Neufeld Epp, director/teacher
316.217.5650
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New Creation Fellowship Church December 23, 2018



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.

GATHERING

Opening song "Magnificat" – screen (song of the month)
Welcome and announcements
Time of centering

OFFERING OURSELVES

Songs of praise and proclamation:
My soul is filled with joy – STJ 13
Love came down at Christmas – HWB 208
How can we be silent – STJ 61
Offering (Dominic & Zeke Ramer, special piano music)

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Time with the children: Chuck & Bonnie Neufeld
Scripture: Luke 1:39-55
Teaching: *Blessing and Restoration*, Pastor Derrick Ramer

PRAYING & BLESSING

Sharing joys & concerns: (Response: "O Lord, hear us.")
Prayer of sending for Sophia Minder
Sending song: To us a Child of hope is born – HWB 189
Benediction

LAST WEEK (Dec 16): Attendance: 83
Contributions: General \$1134.10

TODAY (Dec 23):
Greeters: Ruby Brown and Mara Oswald
Worship leader: Audrey Ratzlaff
Sound system: Andy Brown
Music: Vicki Lichti, Bonnie Neufeld and Aaron Ratzlaff
Childcare: Anne Regier and Ben Meyer
Sunday care of the building: Baldwin and A & J Esau families

NEXT WEEK (Dec 30):
Greeters: Miles Reimer and Cheyanne Suter
Worship leader: Anthony Horsch
Sound system: Aaron Ratzlaff
Music: Gordon Houser, Rhonda Horsch and Stephany Meyer
Children's time: Mona Krievins
Teaching: Songs with Anthony Horsch
Childcare: Clark Oswald and Callan Baldwin
Sunday care of the building: Voth and B & E Regier families
Lectionary Text:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17
		Luke 2:41-52

PASTOR DERRICK will be gone Dec 29 – Jan 5. Please contact Jeanne H or Aaron R of the Congregation Care Team if you have a pastoral need during these dates.

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 TODAY.*

New Creation Preschool: This time of year, some people are looking for a tax exempt place to donate. As a non-profit, we welcome your donations to our preschool fund. You can also give to others by donating money to pay for a t-shirt for a family that otherwise wouldn't have one. If you are looking for a different way to give to the preschool, we have a wish list on amazon and welcome gift cards to any local store. Here is the link to our amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/HC91BN2SPRO5>

LOST: Mona lost a black & silver earring at the Christmas program.
 FOUND: Round glass Pyrex dish with potatoes left here from last potluck.

Jan 6	Regular Sunday school	SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE
Jan 13	Congregational meeting	
Jan 20	Intergenerational Sunday school	
Jan 27	Regular Sunday school	
Feb 3	Regular Sunday school	
Feb 10	Congregational meeting	
Feb 17	Intergenerational Sunday school	
Feb 24	Regular Sunday school	
March 3	Regular Sunday school	
March 10	Congregational meeting	
March 17	NO Sunday school - Spring break	
March 24	Intergenerational Sunday school	
March 31	Regular Sunday school	
April 7	Regular Sunday school	
April 14	Congregational meeting	
April 21	NO Sunday school - Easter	
April 28	Regular Sunday school	
May 5	Intergenerational Sunday school	WINTER - SPRING 2019

Wider church announcements

CAMP MENNOSCAH: Winter Wonderland Worship on Dec. 28 from 3-6pm! Join us for songs from evening worship at summer youth camps (praise and worship songs) at Camp Mennoscah in the Dining Hall. Enjoy classic "Sunday" camp sandwiches, hot chocolate, time by the campfire/fireplace, and the warmth that comes from being surrounded by friends at camp! Also, TP the Christmas tree! We'll metaphorically TP our Christmas Tree with your donations of toilet paper or paper towels. Cash or checks for 4-square/gaga balls are welcome, too. RSVP to 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org by December 26 so we know how many sandwiches to fix--and tell us about any food allergies!

Five Times Harder will perform a holiday concert at First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, KS on December 30 at 4:00 pm. They will perform a variety of Christmas music in styles ranging from classical to bluegrass to folk. No admission charge. Tom Harder is pastor at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro and Lois Harder is Bridge Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Give thanks for the gift of God's Word-made-flesh in Jesus, and for the many ways in which WDC congregations make God's love tangible in our world today.

