

New Creation Fellowship Church

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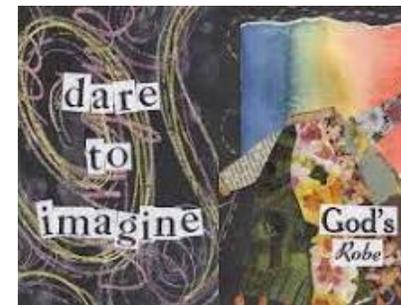
At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Pray for pastors, chaplains and other ministers in WDC, that they would experience God's renewed strength and hope for ministry in the New Year.

Mennonite Mission Network thanks your congregation for its generous support of God's work. Continue to hold our personnel and partners in your prayers, as we join to share the light and love of Jesus in our neighborhoods and around the world.

New Creation Fellowship Church Dec. 26, 2021



Focus for the fifth week of Advent: Robes dominate this week's images, from Samuel's annual little robe from Hannah while he, like Jesus, grew in wisdom and stature to Paul's instructions to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, love, peace. Pull out the 'zine' card from your home Advent packet and display it to then contemplate or talk about God's robe with your household this week.

Welcome & announcements Anthony Horsch

Light the peace lamp

Call to worship

Meditative music Michelle Voth

Light the Christ candle

Children's time Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17 Anne Regier

Sermon: *Dare to Imagine God's Robe!* Pastor Derrick

Share reflections, joys and concerns (response: *O God, hear us*)

Pray together

Benediction

Offering for Dec 19-23

General: \$1285.00

	<u>Today, December 26</u>	<u>Next week, January 2</u>
Greeter	John Murray	?
Worship leader	Anthony Horsch	Gordon Houser
Speaker	Pastor Derrick Ramer	Rebecca Barrett-Fox
Musician	Michelle Voth	Chuck Neufeld
Children's time	Rebecca Barrett-Fox	Barrett-Fox children
Care of the building	Hurst family	?

Lectionary text for January 2:

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

[Psalm 147:12-20](#)

[Ephesians](#)

[John 1:\(1-9\),](#)

[Sirach 24:1-12](#)

[Wisdom of Solomon](#)

[1:3-14](#)

[10-18](#)

[10:15-21](#)



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.

Pastor Derrick will be on vacation beginning December 27. He will then be on leave until February 1 and will not be responding to emails. If you have a Pastoral Care concern, please contact Krista Murray from our Congregation Care Team: Email: kmurray62@gmail.com Cell Phone: (620) 217-9037

NEW Leadership: We are blessed to announce that the open positions for the Leadership Teams have been filled.

Administration Team: George Krievins

Congregation Care Team: Amy Regier

Leadership & Congregation Relations Team: John Murray

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 2022:

DEPARTING Leadership: Thank you to the folks completing their service on the Leadership Teams. We appreciate your leadership and all the work you have done.

Administration Team: Clark Baldwin

Congregation Care Team: Becky Miller

Leadership & Congregation Relations Team: Ian Gingrich-Gaylord

Locking windows: Thank you to everyone who is helpful in closing the sanctuary windows after worship. We also request that the windows are locked shut. It is possible to break into our church without this safety measure. Thank you for help to lock the sanctuary windows.

Healing & Hope: A confidential group of women supporting each other in seeking healing and hope after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). The group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div, and Gail Unruh-Revel, LSCSW, CST, CSAT. Meetings will be via zoom and occur every other Tuesday beginning after the first of the year. Please contact the facilitator, Audrey Ratzlaff (aaratzlaff@yahoo.com), or Pastor Laura Goerzen of FMC Newton (laurag@firstmennonitewton.org) for more information.

Help Wanted: Eden Mennonite Church, of Moundridge, KS, is seeking a caring, well-organized person to fill the role of Church Office Secretary. The Secretary will need to be a good communicator with strong computer skills. The salaried position assumes 25 hours per week, the majority of that time in the office on weekday mornings. You can find the application here: <https://forms.gle/bhPx3gxex8B7E3at7> Questions? Call Pastors Derek King or

Dianne Schmidt at 620-345-8320.

