

open hearts
open minds
open doors



The people of The United Methodist Church

**New Creation
Community Church**
3005 Emig Mill Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-764-0252

newcreation25@comcast.net
www.newcreationforyou.com

Kurt Herzberg, Pastor

Worship Hours:

-Traditional Sunday, 8am
-Contemporary 10:30am

**Church Office Hours: by
Appointment**

Mission: Making disciples
of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.

Vision: To be a memorial to
the community that God is
mighty.

Strategy: Promoting
"Community Groups" that
are "Connecting Church to
Home."



CONSIDERING OUR SOCIAL GOSPEL

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

The overturning of Roe vs. Wade has brought the issue of sanctity of life to the forefront as legislation returns to the people of our states.

One of the nice things about the United Methodist Church is that they have official statements about most social issues. They are known as the "UMC Social Principles". When persons become members of the church, the member is not obligated to support these views, and in fact I personally don't agree with them all. In our tradition, that's ok because we trust in gathering around the essential facts of salvation, and provide liberty in non-essential things, even things that seem a conflict morally or politically. But, in this instance, you will see the church is not a supporter of abortion except in extenuating circumstances. We, as a church, tend to fall in the middle in most things, and it seems true now.

Let us be in prayer for mothers, that they would know God and His statutes and character. Pray that the church would minister to mothers who choose life and to those who do otherwise.

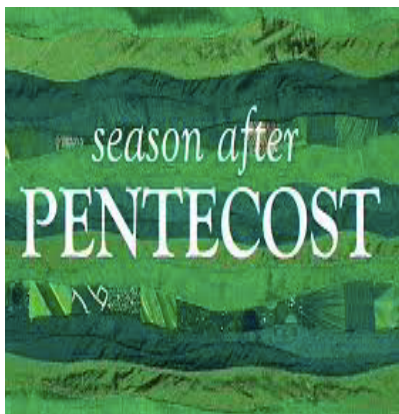
Please see the statement of the church as follows:

The beginning of life and the ending of life are the God-given boundaries of human existence. While individuals have always had some degree of control over when they would die, they now have the awesome power to determine when and even whether new individuals will be born. Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion.

But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child.

We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases, we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers. We support parental, guardian, or other responsible adult notification and consent before abortions can be performed on girls who have not yet reached the age of legal adulthood. We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection or eugenics (see Resolution 3184).

We oppose the use of late-term abortion known as dilation and extraction (partial-birth abortion) and call for the end of this practice except when the physical life of the mother is in danger and no other medical procedure is available, or in the case of severe fetal anomalies incompatible with life. This procedure shall be performed only by certified medical providers. Before providing their services, abortion providers should be required to offer women the option of anesthesia.



We call all Christians to a searching and prayerful inquiry into the sorts of conditions that may cause them to consider abortion. We entrust God to provide guidance, wisdom, and discernment to those facing an unintended pregnancy.

The Church shall offer ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies. We commit our Church to continue to provide nurturing ministries to those who terminate a pregnancy, to those in the midst of a crisis pregnancy, and to those who give birth.

We mourn and are committed to promoting the diminishment of high abortion rates. The Church shall encourage ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies such as comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education, advocacy in regard to contraception, and support of initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls around the globe.

Young adult women disproportionately face situations in which they feel that they have no choice due to financial, educational, relational, or other circumstances beyond their control. The Church and its local congregations and campus ministries should be in the forefront of supporting existing ministries and developing new ministries that help such women in their communities. They should also support those crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women explore all options related to unplanned pregnancy. We particularly encourage the Church, the government, and social service agencies to support and facilitate the option of adoption. (See ¶ 161L.) We affirm and encourage the Church to assist the ministry of crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women find feasible alternatives to abortion.

Governmental laws and regulations do not provide all the guidance required by the informed Christian conscience. Therefore, a decision concerning abortion should be made only after thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, family, pastoral, and other appropriate counsel.

Ministry to Those Who Have Experienced an Abortion

We urge local pastors to become informed about the symptoms and behaviors associated with post-abortion stress. We commit our Church to continue to provide nurturing ministries to those who terminate a pregnancy, to those in the midst of a crisis pregnancy, and to those who give birth. We further encourage local churches to make available contact information for counseling agencies that offer programs to address post-abortion stress for all seeking help.



STAY TUNED for a report on the NCCC UM Army team who are on a week-long missions trip working at sites in Pennsylvania the week of July 4-8, 2022. We have both adults and teens sharing the love of God through acts of kindness and provision of need.

UPWARDS FLAG FOOTBALL

All children deserve opportunities to be active, learn and have fun! New Creation Community Church shares in providing this opportunity with 2800 other churches using the power of sports to develop basic football skills while discovering the love of Jesus. This is an important way to reach out to our community! Many families have wonderful memories of participating in this program! Help is always



needed to make this a successful ministry. Coaches, referees, and people to help in the food stand are greatly needed! Please see Chip Foeks if you can help. Also, please let people know about the program.

Registration is 6/10-8/6/22; practice begins 8/8; games begin 9/5, K5-6th grade. \$75. Scholarships available. Go to play.upward.org and search for New Creation Community Church.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT NEW CREATION

People often turn to the church for support in times of grief. At New Creation, we offer support by serving a light luncheon for the family and friends who have lost a loved one. This is a tangible way we show our love and sympathy. Our standard menu includes sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, cake and beverages. We have 4 or 5 people committed to helping with this. We need more volunteers to help with serving since our schedules all vary and we cannot help every time. We need 2 or 3 people to serve each time. Men and women are invited to join this team to help with serving at memorial services when your schedule allows. Contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 if you are willing to serve with us in this way. Thank you all for the many ways you already support each other.

WHY NEW CREATION?

Jan Hufnagle

Recently, I had the pleasure of discussing this with a couple of people. I asked them what they would like to see done differently and why they come to our church. Their actions speak as loud as their words; they joined in the events and ministries of our church soon after they began attending NCCC, and they continue to be cheerful and willing participants. The opportunity to participate is one of the things they find attractive about NCCC. The welcome they received from the congregation, the greeters and the Pastor also encourages them to come back week after week. People introducing themselves and learning their names makes them feel welcome too. They had nothing they could think of that they thought needed changed. They have been a blessing to us in many ways. I will honor their wishes and keep their names anonymous. I probably have you all guessing! If you would like to share any "God sightings" or positive interactions you have experienced at NCCC, please write them up and submit to Pastor Kurt for the newsletter.

HELPING HANDS



HELPING HANDS OF NCCC

On June 11 we had completed our first Helping Hands projects of the year.

Two crews went out. The crews included adults and teens, and even some very young children who enjoyed working hard and stayed on task the whole time. We also had some teens helping who will be going on the UM Army trip this month. The pastor and Snooks greatly appreciated the trimming of trees and shrubs around the parsonage. It looks so much better! The pastor was able to teach one of the visiting teens about how the church provides a house for the pastor and why that is. Others stayed at the church to do weeding/cleaning in the flower beds. We also went to a property and cleaned up branches from storm damage.

It was a great day of fellowship. We ate together, listened to a devotional and worshipped, and worked together. God calls us to show our faith in love, and so we do what we do out of love for others whether we know them or not. Not only does it make us feel good, but God is using this, and many other ministries of the church, as a part of being disciplined in Christ.

If you know of anyone in need, please let us know. Also, please consider volunteering. We will find something that matches your abilities, so no worries.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

The focus of our family and children's ministry for June was Zoomerang VBS. What a great week we had! So many children expressed how much they enjoyed it. We have one family now attending worship services, perhaps some for Upwards Flag Football, and beyond those items, the event has created connections to more families, so God is good! Some of the attendees were from the NCS school age program, and they ask constantly when the next VBS will be and why we don't have it again soon! They are disappointed that it will be another year!

As we noted last month, again we give many thanks to all the volunteers. We had over 25 direct volunteers who gave about 300 total hours of time! Plus, many from the church participated in our Koala donation tree. Every day was special, but on Wednesday we had two baby kangaroos come visit with whom kids and families could take pictures and hold them. Thank you to NCS for splitting the cost with us. The daycare children and families were also able to interact with the kangaroos. Friday night the children and families were invited for a closing program, to have ice cream from the Sarah's Creamery truck which was onsite, as well as get balloon animals made for them. We thank S&H Express Trucking, the employer of Shawn Kanode, for providing the funds for these special events. We also provided face painting.

Youth group is currently on hold until September barring any special event that might arise. Please keep all of our children, youth, and family ministry in your prayers!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: A study for women is meeting Mondays at 9am. The new book is being used is called "Calm My Anxious Heart". All women interested are invited to join us as we turn to the Lord for help. Call Jan Hufnagle for help getting the book and more information.

"COMMUNITY GROUPS"

Most of our small groups at NCCC are open to the community, and we actually offer them as a way for people to connect with Christians for support and spiritual growth and increased understanding of Jesus. Please consider sharing your life with others by joining a group and inviting others in your life to join a small group soon. The pastor currently has sign-up sheets for a men's "Courageous" study that goes with the sermon series, meeting Tuesdays beginning soon. A couple's study is also in the works.

Women, we will have at least two choices beginning in September 2022, maybe more. There is a morning group, probably on Monday or Tuesday at 9 a.m. Currently we are meeting every other week. We are considering a study on prayer beginning in September. We also have an evening group. We will be meeting every other week, possibly on Mondays at 6:30. Our fall study topic will be announced in August. We would love to offer a group time that works for you, and are willing to help you start a new group if you are interested. Please contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 if you would like to join a women's group. Thank you.

God has plans, not problems
for our lives. The life of a
Christian is an education for a
higher service. God is training
you for something.

Corrie Ten Boom

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Group – Meeting every other Sunday, 1pm, May 8 & 22.

Men's Accountability Group - Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sister-to-Sister – A community of women providing mutual prayer, encouragement, support, and acts of kindness among sisters in Christ. Contact Lou Stevens at 717-332-1736.

Griefshare – Ministry to grieving persons is a real need. Meets Thursdays at 3:30pm at the church. See Jan Hufnagle or Pastor Kurt with questions. For extensive information, go to <https://www.griefshare.org>

Yinger's Pathfinders - led by Jeff Merkert, jmerkertl@comcast.net are an adult class. Currently studying the book "The Thirty Minute Bible". They meet in the room by the rear entrance on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Chronic Pain and Illness Group -Meets on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Womens' Book Study – Mondays at 9am thru mid-July. "Calm My Anxious Heart". Contact Jan Hufnagle.

Men's 33 Bible Study - Meets first Friday of the month. See Shawn Kanode for details.

New Testament Study – We are taking a summer break! We will be meeting again in September 2022.



There's a Small Group
for **You!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Do you think Sunday School for children is an essential ministry? New Creation has a well-established and valuable adult Sunday School class and we praise God for that. We are hoping to renew our commitment to the provision of a welcoming and valuable Sunday School for children and youth from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sundays. Currently we have only 1 adult committed to providing this ministry. Please pray for the children and youth in the community and in our church. Please offer suggestions and help if God nudges you towards helping more with kids. We need to hear from you. Contact Pastor Kurt with your ideas and offers to help. Thank you. Jan Hufnagle



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

NEWS from NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

New Hope Ministries is asking for school supplies, laundry soap, coffee, tea, Ramen noodles, and SpaghettiOs. If you are able to help those less fortunate in the Dover Area, please place any of these items in the basket next to Soul Talk Cafe. It will be much appreciated. PS - a reminder that New Hope can also use egg cartons. They get their eggs in large containers and need to split them up for their clients. Styrofoam or cardboard are acceptable.

NEW CREATION STATION DAYCARE UPDATE

Please never forget to pray for the ministry of New Creation Station Daycare, the families and children, director and staff, the board, and the blessing of all who are impacted!

We continue to work hard to satisfy the state demands of operation and the hopeful reinstatement of a proper operational license. We now have a clear plan from the state for consideration. Please pray specifically for plan



State required renovations continue. We just finished putting new carpeting where it was required and cleaned the carpets in other areas.

New Creation Station Child Care



CAR SHOW/CHICKEN BBQ

Please be promoting this event and plan to attend! We would really like to emphasize the kids aspect this year. If you know families with kids, ask them to bring their Power Wheels cars! S&H Express trucking will have a truck on site so kids can “Touch a Truck”, and we’ll have other children’s activities (bounce house and pending items) and goody bags for those who bring a Power Wheels car, wagon, or other ride-on. Church, let’s make this a great event! Please take flyers and hang them up where ever you can or for whomever you can give them to, share the Facebook event, and also consider how you might volunteer your time! We can also use cash donations for more kid’s goody bags. Please stay tuned! Thank you!

New Creation Community Church presents the 2022...
“NEVER DIE” CAR SHOW
 August 27, 2022, 11am-3pm Chicken BBQ * Door Prizes * Silent Auction * DJ * 20 People’s Choice Trophies * Kids Power Wheels Show!
 3005 Emig Mill Rd.
 Dover, PA 17315

Car Registration Fee	\$10
Show	11am-3pm
Registration	10:30am-1pm
Awards	2:30pm



Meals	\$10
Prepay	\$9
Call	717-764-025

Includes: ½ Chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll, water. Deserts available for purchase

Hey! Don't forget the kids! **Free Power Wheel Show with Parade at 1pm.** Trophies, gift bags, and activities for the kids. Any modified kids ride-ons are welcome for display... wagons, little-tikes, etc. Charge those batteries, eat, and enjoy!



CIRCLE of PRAYER

For the weeks of June 26 - July 2 and July 3 – 9, consider that many churches are in transition. July 1st, pastors are leaving or beginning new

appointments at many churches in the Susquehanna Conference. Please pray for All Congregations and Pastors going through a time of transition.

- July 10 - 16
 New Hope UMC, *Bellefonte*
 Ebenezer UMC, *Needmore*
 Phelps Chapel UMC, *Jersey Shore*
 Otterbein UMC, *Duncannon*
 North Jackson UMC, *Susquehanna*
 Gettysburg UMC, *Gettysburg*
 Madera UMC, *Madera*
 *St. Peter’s UMC, *Beavertown*
 **Albert Margai Memorial UMC, Gbambatoke - Sierra Leone*
 Hollenback UMC, *Sugar Run*
 Pleasant Grove UMC, *Red Lion*
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newville

- July 24 - 30
 Breezewood UMC, *Breezewood*
 Mill Creek UMC, *Montoursville*
 Immanuel-Wesley UMC, *Loyalton*
 Larksville UMC, *Larksville*
 Orbisonia UMC, *Orbisonia*
 Spring Hill UMC, *Wyalusing*
 Wesley UMC, *Selinsgrove*
Shrader UMC, Reedsville
Halifax UMC, Halifax
Orrtanna UMC, Orrtanna
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY



Deadline for April Love Letter is July 24. Please submit your information to Pastor Kurt @ kherzberg@susumc.org.