



**New Creation
Community Church
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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."



Welcome!

2023: THE YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP? (I hope so!)

Pastor Kurt V. Herzberg

In Acts 2:42, it says that the early church devoted itself to four things.... They devoted themselves to the (1) apostles' teaching and to (2) fellowship, to (3) the breaking of bread and to (4) prayer.

At a recent church leadership meeting devoted to discerning the spiritual life and direction of our church, New Creation Community Church, we spoke of how we approach community. We can be proud of the outreach we do, but the discussion was about how we interreact with one another. Do persons feel called to be together within our church family? Do we fellowship for mutual support? Are we enjoying each other's company? How is our sense of community? Is gathering together with brothers and sisters in Christ important in each person's life? In the context of Acts 2:42 and the plan established by the saints, are we in "fellowship" as a church? Well, what is fellowship?

According to Webster's, it means: (a) companionship, company, associate: (b) the community of interest, activity, feeling or experience, i.e., a unified body of people of equal sharing in common interests, goals, and characteristics: (c) partnership, membership.

But, if we go back to the words of the bible, we see Greek words for fellowship with the root word *koinos* meaning "common, mutual, public." To condense the many forms, fellowship in the bible gets down to four ideas:

- Relationship – The foundation of fellowship. There is emotional relationship, but keep in mind that the bible teaches objective relationship, as in being related to one another through Jesus Christ. We cannot deny we're tied together as the latter.
- Partnership – Covenanting together to accomplish things.
- Companionship – Wanting to be with people and hangout, closeness and togetherness.
- Stewardship – Managing the property of another. We can see this as sharing equally the privileges and responsibilities, the assets and liabilities, of our relationship with God.

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All of these nuances are important. Together they provide a mutually beneficial relationship between Christians, who can't have the identical relationship with those outside the faith. The mystery and privilege that is Christian fellowship is that it exists because God has enabled it by His grace. Those who believe the gospel are united in the power of the Spirit through Christ.

This past week I experienced that; praise be to God. I have been deeply involved with concern for my three-year-old granddaughter who is now healed, but a week ago we thought she was going to die. It was Christian fellowship that supported us throughout the process. I uncharacteristically was pushed to exploit Christian fellowship because of incredible need. Fellowship dictated what was shared belief.... that we worship a God who cares so deeply for children that He'll move in mighty ways to defeat death and give life. I appreciate "well wishes." I appreciate the sentiment that "modern medicine is incredible." But life and death are not in the hands of well wishes and medical knowledge. No. Christian fellowship demands we love one another in common and miraculous knowledge of truth that God alone is sovereign over life and death. We trust that the diligent prayers of intercession and petition can change outcomes. We share that conviction as evidenced in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Only Christian fellowship understands the power of God.

Do you understand what our form of fellowship believes and embraces? Can you appreciate a higher idea of fellowship, above the world's earthly definition, that our church fellowship is a privilege unattainable anywhere else? If so, please take opportunities to nurture it for the sake of your life and our church. Allow the idea to rule your mind as an essential part of our lives, our needs, and our care for one another. How will you figure this out for your own? I hope you don't have to experience what I did to know it. Rather, I encourage you to simply know the truth of its foundational presence as shown in the first church. We plan in 2023 to have times of church fellowship strictly to enjoy each other and hang out together. Will you please make it a point to build up others with your presence. Will you invest in the privilege of fellowship/relationship/friendship, so that when you need to withdraw that knowledge and goodwill built up, it will be there? For the sake of one another, the church, and the Kingdom of God, I ask that you make opportunities of church fellowship a priority. Thank you!!



THANK YOU, CARE TEAM

- For food pantry provisions in tough times: Thank you.
- For hospital visits, nursing home visits, and home visits: Thank you.
- For encouraging phone calls and cards: Thank you.
- For meals made and delivered when a need arrives: Thank you.
- For “taxi” services provided to appointments: Thank you.
- For greeting cards sent to celebrate birthdays: Thank you.
- For New Hope donations: Thank you.



Jesus instructed us to care for each other. The world will see the love we show each other and will be curious to learn more about our King and Wonderful Counselor, Jesus.

Please contact Melanie Green at (717) 332-6843 when you are ready to serve on a Care Team ministry. There is always going to be people in need of your kindness.

Submitted by Jan Hufnagle

Fundraising information

There will be a fundraising planning meeting on February 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the church. We will be planning the events for 2023 calendar year. We are looking for new ideas for fundraising and volunteers who would like to be a part of this ministry. Come join us and bring your ideas!

Here are some dates of events that are already planned:

Feb—**11th** Scrapbooking/Crafting, **25th** Pot Pie Dinner (make noodles ahead on the **5th**)

March—**3rd** Fun Game Night at church, **5th** Take orders for PB & Coconut eggs, **25th** Craft Show

April—**8th** Easter Egg Hunt and Sale, **15th** Scrapbooking

May—**5th** Sub sandwiches pick up, **27th** Yard sale

Aug—**26th** Chicken BBQ/Car Show

Sept—**9th** First Upwards game of the year, **16th** Scrapbooking

Oct—Apple Dumpling Sale

Nov—**11th** Scrapbooking, **25th** Craft Show



For further details on prep dates and events in the fall, please check SLACK online, or see the article in next month’s newsletter.

Please consider joining us!

Submitted by Cheryl Foeks

Being a Disciple Part 2–Be a Servant

In Part 1 of this series by Ralph Brandt last month, we examined what DISCIPLE means. It's a familiar word, but we may not have considered it as applying to ourselves. However, it does apply to our identity as disciples.

There are two scriptures I believe show what being a servant is.

The first is 2 Kings 3:11 “But Jehoshaphat said, ‘Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him?’ And one of the king of Israel’s servants answered and said, ‘Here is Elisha, the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.’”

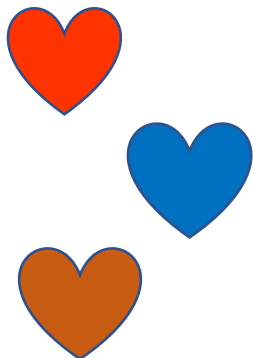
This scripture has many facets. including the role of the prophet– one who speaks the word of God, but the last line is the one I will discuss here. Elisha poured water on the hands of Elijah. He served Elijah’s needs. If there is a place for a person to serve who needs to learn to be an ‘apprentice disciple,’ it is to be the one who pours water over the hands of a servant, to serve that one.

This is not to say you cannot move into being a servant, but if you feel you need to learn more, this is the place. Pick someone who is doing what you feel God is talking to you about. Don’t agonize about it. Just start somewhere. If you need help in this, the pastor or any one of the leaders will help. We have the PLACE assessment to help you. Study your assessment results, and then connect with that person or that ministry your personal analysis presents. When I look at most of the leadership of NCCC, we need a next generation. You can be a part of that.

In the church we can expect to be ministered to, but we must also be willing to minister. That word means to many, the job of the pastor. No. it is the job of every believer in the church to minister, and we minister effectively in serving. The task can be big or small. It may be holding the door for someone to help them.

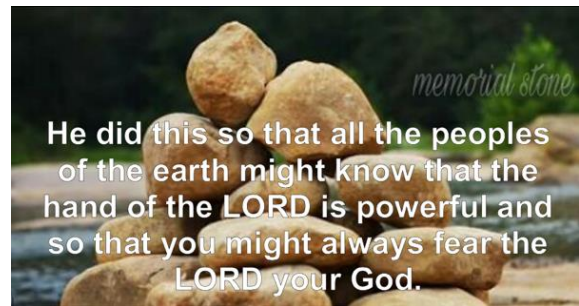
I believe this second scripture nails that:

Mark 9:41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.



JOSHUA 4:24: STORIES OF GOD'S MIGHTY POWER

Each month this column gives testimony about how God has impacted persons through the ministries of New Creation Community Church. The hope is that you are inspired to find a new place to participate in touching community through our church ministry. If you would like to offer your story, please see the pastor! This month we thank Mrs. Patty Farmer for offering the story of her journey at NCCC:



On March 12, 2022, the Lord took my husband to his heavenly home. Now, being all alone in Virginia, I had a choice to make: the choice of staying in Virginia or moving to Pennsylvania, leaving my home, community, church family and all of my friends behind. Now I was somewhere that I didn't know anyone except for my family who lived with a few cousins in Lancaster, PA.

After spending 57 years with my late husband, I felt lost and I became overwhelmed with grief. I felt like God had uprooted me and placed me in a strange world that was not my own. God, however, does not make mistakes, and he had a plan for me.

With the help of a dear neighbor, I was fortunate enough to find a GriefShare meeting at New Creation Community Church. With the help of Pastor Kurt, Jan, and the other meeting members, I was able to make it through day to day and cope with my grief.

After my second meeting, I had a talk with God. I knew that I needed to try going to church on Sundays. I was very nervous! I came from a church where I knew everyone, and now I was walking into a new church only knowing three people who attend! That day, I listened to Pastor Kurt, and I felt like his words were meant for me to hear. Pastor Kurt and the entire congregation welcomed me and made me feel like I belonged right away! Everyone is so kind and loving! Pastor Kurt and his family are such sweet people.

The good Lord has really blessed me these past four months. I still struggle with my grief, but with the Lord, my family, and now with my new church friends, I know I will be OK! It's like saying, "when one door closes, another opens." The open door for me was here at New Creation Community Church.

Patty Farmer

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Deb Fullen	2/15 Mandy Oliver	2/19 Bev Rothrock
2/6 Danny Pyle	2/15 Dave Sigel	2/23 Snooks Herzberg
2/10 Kilie Smith	2/23 Ken Stoppard	

Children's and Family Ministries

Greetings, New Creation Family.

In October, New Creation Childcare Center passed our “final” inspection that granted a provisional license. As previously reported, under the terms of the settlement agreement reached with the state, we are due to operate under a provisional license for two years. Last week, we had a very intensive top to bottom inspection. The inspector is one who is known to close many centers due to infractions.

I am happy to report that we passed that inspection with needed corrections made in real time. Further, the Center was informed that due to the status of the inspections, it will be recommended that our provisional period be shortened to allow us a full license.

It is a great testimony to the demanding work put in by all staff since reopening last year. It also speaks to the dedication to the ministry of childcare that the church leadership exercised when deciding to re-open. I personally would like to thank everyone, whether by all hands or all prayer, who worked to make this possible.

David Nero, Chair
New Creation Station Board of Directors

YOUTH GROUP

January went so fast for our youth group! We began a study of how to pray effectively—even for people you don't know personally. (Vladimir Putin is in the cross hairs of some powerful prayers these days!) We welcomed some new members. 😊 We revived some classic games like Sardines (it's like hide and seek in reverse), Loaded Questions, and a new favorite, Telestrations.



For Jan. 29, we planned, cooked, and served pancakes and also egg breakfast casserole to the congregation in our first attempt at fundraising. Thanks to the grocery stores in York County for donations of food. We are also SO GRATEFUL to the people who pitched in to set up tables (especially Wade Smith), helped with cooking (Thank you Steph Lam, Sandy Shermeyer, and Cheryl Foeks), managed the cash donations (kudos to Theresa Nieves & Barb Gowland) and to the 65 + brunch “customers” and other members of the congregation for their generosity in helping us afford to attend the Winter Jam concert in Reading, PA on Feb. 23! An army of 20 youth and group leaders worked together, and over \$600 was raised!

Self-Extended Family

In the States, you can buy Chinese food. In Beijing you can buy hamburger. It's very close. Now I feel the world become a big family, like a really big family. You have many neighbors. Not like before, two countries are far away. ~~~Jet Li

Who have you added to your family, either by accident or by choice? Have you gotten accustomed to setting an extra place at the table for the neighbor kid who seems to have ‘adopted’ your family? Do you make a point of chatting with the guy who walks 3 dogs around your block every day? Have you kept in touch with military or college buddies from a while ago, or a person you’ve “friended” on social media? Do you feel a connection with someone you met on a mission trip?

Somewhere back around 2007, our New Creation family started getting information about a sister church in Sierra Leone, Africa, through the **Sierra Leone Initiative**, a ministry of the United Methodist Conference of our region. We contracted with the Bishop of Sierra Leone to send \$100/month to pay the salary of the pastor of the church there, who had been unpaid.



Soon, we had a water drive for the digging of a well there, and we were honored to host a concert by a children’s choir, the Watoto Singers, who were touring in the US. They shared their testimony, and now we had faces to put with the reports we were hearing about the church we were supporting.

Brian Warner talked to some of the choir members and, responding to a tug on his heart, spoke to Pastor Cathy Boileau about participating in a mission trip. In 2011, PC connected Brian with Jeff Fisher, a UM pastor and part of the SL Initiative, and within months, Brian was signed up to join the next group. Vaccines and discussions of what to bring—and what not to—followed, and Brian soon learned why so many people say, “You can’t prepare for what it’s like until you get there.”

As an outgoing, white American, Brian stood out in the village, and he quickly made friends. He also observed the needs of the church and the school. He came back with a new view of the world and of life without modern conveniences. He told stories of traveling in old cars on what were barely roads (can you



picture a whole family on a scooter?!), and tales of the marketplace and of regulating his water to beat the extreme heat, and mostly of the children.

Two years later, he returned to Africa with 3 other New Creation members,



including Don Schalk. They were also amazed by the living conditions, the desperate needs, and most of all the joy they witnessed. They launched a campaign to raise money for toilets that flushed using solar power. Our congregation willingly accepted the challenge, and Randy Ball and the SL Initiative worked through the difficulties of shipping such freight. An

anticipated trip in 2016 had to be postponed because of Ebola, but Brian was already nudging his mom, Jo Marie, to come along soon.

Next month, we will share Brian's trip in 2017, and his trip with Jo Marie in 2019. The updates she frequently gives us during church from the Warner family's "adopted" son Solomon are a clear indication of how much lives have been connected and changed on both sides of the Atlantic!

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself. In fact, he named it as a commandment. Is it even possible to love others without stepping into some level of relationship with them?"

Caroling, Caroling Through the "Snow?"

You may have had the chance to witness one sign that our congregation is ready to socialize together as we reconnect after Covid, if you were fortunate enough to have carolers come to your door in the last days of December!

Five talented and enthusiastic men from our Praise Team shared their love of music and of our church family by going out 5 times over 4 days, in daytime and evening serenades. Chip Foeks, Jeff Merkert, Daryl Gemmil, Shannon Schmuck, and Pastor Kurt brought joy to 19 homes, including Shirley Krall, Mary & Jim Geiselman, Jim Smith & Barb, Jean & Ron Mummert, Jo Marie & Red Warner, Joan Lauer, Ed Gleason, Em & Bob Burris, Sue West, Sue Heindle, Don & Tammy Schalk, Di and Bob Myers, Ken & Darlene Stoppard, Walt & Adah Durgin, Barb Gowland, & Jim & Deb Cobb. This has been a tradition of the men in the church for years, but we invite all that are interested for Christmas 2023 to join the group.

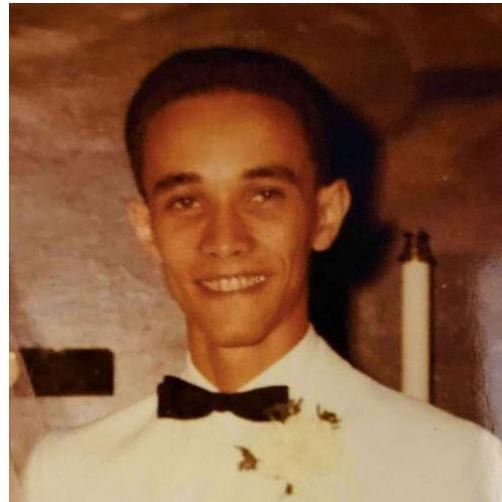


EDWARD FULLEN OBITUARY

Edward (Sonny) Harrison Fullen, 82, went to be with God on Friday, December 30, 2022, at UPMC Harrisburg Hospital after a lengthy nursing home stay.

Born August 26, 1940, at home in York County, Edward was the son of the late William H & Ada B (Sneed) Fullen.

He was a graduate of Manchester High School's Class of 1958 and furthered his education at the Electronics Institute in Harrisburg PA. He enjoyed being a TV Serviceman for 35 years and was last employed at Cowey TV in West York. Ed enjoyed vacations in Wildwood NJ, going to sprint car races, and watching football, basketball, hockey, and NASCAR racing. Most of all, he enjoyed visits from his granddaughters.



Ed is survived by his spouse of 58 years, Deborah (Gemmill) Fullen; one son, Troy Fullen of York PA; one daughter, Jodi (Fullen) Miller of Lewistown PA; two granddaughters, Ashley (Haugh) Wadding of Hanover PA and Jessica Sutton of Marietta PA; one brother, W Dennis Fullen of New Freedom PA; one sister, Ila M Watkins of York PA; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Constance Fullen; and niece, Linda Stremmel.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held at New Creation Community Church, 3005 Emig Mill Rd Dover PA 17315, on Saturday February 4, 2023, at 11 AM with visitation 1 hour before the service. Pastor Kurt Herzberg officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Creation Community Church, 3005 Emig Mill Rd, Dover PA 17315.

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1/ 31 Revelations Bible Study 9 am	1 SPRT 7 pm	2 Griefshare 4- 5:30 pm Youth Group 6- 8	3	4
5 "Noodle Fellowship": noon (Make noodles for pot pie). After 2 nd service—lunch provided!	6 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	7 Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board 6 pm	8 SEND Extended 6:30 9 Youth Group 6-8	9 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4- 5:30 pm Trustees 7 pm	10 Hershey "Weekend to Remember" Feb 10-12	11 Scrapbooking
12	13 Women in Community 6:30-8 Finance 7 pm Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	14 Revelations women's group-9 am Men's Accountability group 6:30	15	16 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4- 5:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	21 Men's Accountability group 6:30	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	23 Youth Group CONCERT!! Griefshare 4- 5:30 pm	24	25 Pot Pie dinner 4-7 pm
26	27 Women in Community 6:30-8 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	28 Revelations women's group 9 am Men's Accountability Group 6:30		On the horizon: SPRT--March 21 7 pm		



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Deadline for March newsletter is Tuesday, February 28th. Please send your articles or information to Margie at Quiltgrand133@gmail.com. Thank you!