

**Wherever you are in life's journey and your spiritual journey,  
you are welcome here, where together we share God's love.**

**SOUTHERN HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH**  
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**9:20 a.m. - GATHERING FOR WORSHIP** - *Please enter the sanctuary quietly to pray, write a message of gratitude or prayer request on a card, light a candle, and spend time in reflection as you listen to the prelude.*

Prelude

**9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Introduction of Guests *(Please fill out the welcome pads.)*

Announcements

\*Passing the Peace

\*Musical Response

\*Call to Worship and Invocation

LEADER

O God,

We come seeking you in our worship together

We come to you for truth

Because we are untrue

We come to you for strength

Because we are weak.

We come to you for wisdom

Because we are unwise

**PEOPLE**

**Move in our midst;**

**Show us your truth, your strength, and your wisdom**

**Through our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN**

\*Hymn: "You are Salt for the Earth" HWB 226 (blue)

Invitation to the Children "Come and see" (HWB 20) Screen  
Time with the Children Doug Shima

MCC "My Coins Count" Offering  
Hymn "Renew your Church" HWB 363 (blue)  
*(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.)*

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

*(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)*

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn: "I Bind my Heart this Tide" HWB 411 (blue)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:4-11

New Testament Reading Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "Keep on Seeking Justice" Minister Ray Robinson

\*Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" HWB 579 (blue)

\*Benediction

\*Organ Response

\*Postlude

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Hearing assist devices & large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

*STJ = Sing the Journey (green); STS = Sing the Story (purple)*

*HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book (blue)*

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| Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith         | Worship Leader:               |
| Associate Pastor:                   | Zach Shima                    |
| Cynthia Neufeld Smith               | Organist: Michelle Shima      |
| Director of Youth and Young Adults: | Ushers: Joe & Nancy Schrag    |
| Lois Grummert                       | Greeters: Virg & Joyce Funk   |
|                                     | Nursery Helper: Fayth Boucher |

**10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation** at the Holy Grounds Café.

**10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes for all ages.**

THIS WEEK

Monday – Church office closed (MLK Holiday)

9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Quilting

7 p.m. – Diaconate meeting

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – Common Ground

Wednesday, 1-5 p.m. - Quilting

1:30-3:30 p.m. – JUMP team meeting (library)

5:30 p.m. – Women's and Men's Bible study groups

Thursday, 9-11 a.m. – Senior Coffee Fellowship

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance:** 87 **Visitor:** Sam Hershberger

NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m. – Worship Service** – Rachel Waltner Goossen will preach.

Duane Goossen will be worship leader.

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**Southern Hills Mennonite Church Mission Statement** (from the church constitution): *The purpose of this congregation shall be to live by and promote, through worship, study, giving and witness, the heritage of the Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of the Christian faith and life in contemporary form. We believe this to mean that a congregation is to be a body of Christians committed to the Lordship of Christ, who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to live lives of discipleship, to practice the ethic of love and nonresistance in all human relationships, and to adhere to the historic peace position.*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome **Minister Ray Robinson** to our pulpit to share the morning message. Minister Robinson is a member of El Shaddai Ministries in Topeka and has been an active leader in Topeka Jump since its creation three years ago. Following worship Ray will join the adult sanctuary Sunday School class for continuing conversation about justice ministries in Topeka.

**The "My Coins Count" offering** will be collected every Sunday by the children until the MCC sale in April. If you care to match the total collected on a given Sunday please contact Judy Krehbiel. Our total for 2016 was \$1200.01. Let's see if we can exceed that amount this year. Thank you so much!

Welcome to all returning quilters for the **KMRS quilt!** A special welcome to anyone who is new to quilting and would like to participate in this enjoyable activity. The scheduled days for quilting will be Mondays from 9:00 am-2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch for noon AND Wednesdays from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If you would like to quilt some evening or Saturday, contact Joyce Funk and an evening time will be scheduled.

**Quilter's Corner**, a fund-raising venue for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, collects our "not needed" quilt-related items, organizes the items, and prices them to be sold at the KMRS sales. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the south foyer basket. A list of suggested items is attached to the basket.

**Friendship Circle** met on Monday, January 9th. There were 10 ladies present. After much discussion regarding continuing the circle it was decided that the organization have a new name and leadership. The group decided to be called "Women's Circle". Caroline Seals and Diana Hershberger agreed to be the leaders.

**Annual Congregational Meeting and Youth Chili Feed** - The SHMC 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on January 29th in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday morning services. A chili feed supporting the youth fund will precede the meeting. The youth fund allows the youth to have many learning experiences that connect them with each other and the world. Please plan to attend the annual meeting and support our youth with a meal.

**Pastors' Whereabouts:** The pastors are on their sabbatical trip to Israel/Palestine/Jordan with the Bethel/Tabor College interterm group. Randall Schmidt is also on the trip. During their absence you may direct any personal concerns to Sharon Peters or the other Diaconate members: Sue Ann Funk, Rod

Garman, and Kevin Goering. You may send items for the bulletin to Sue Ann Funk or Rebekah in the office.

**WANTED:** Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment (old and new) and **large** items of value for the Kansas MCC Sale. These are tax deductible donations that can benefit you as well as MCC. If you have items you don't know what to do with, PLEASE consider donating them to the Kansas MCC Sale. We take your donations seriously and will make every effort possible to help it bring a good price. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257 for info and details.

### NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Jan 22 – Gretchen Morelinton  
Jan 29 – Chantse Boucher  
Feb 5 – Anna Goering

### CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Jan 21 – Gingerich (N), Kilmer (O)  
Jan 28 – Cherveney (N), Strahm (O)  
Feb 4 – Hershberger Group (N&O)

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration, Mon., Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Hesston College Training Events in February
- Thank you letter from Camp Mennoscah
- Sara Keckeisen, 'dual citizenship' feature in Topeka Capital Journal
- Lila Bartel, letter to editor in Topeka Capital Journal

### COMING EVENTS

- January 29, 1:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting

### Joys shared last Sunday:

- Diana Hershberger joyously announced the arrival of her fourth grandson.

### Last Sunday Prayer requests:

- Safe travels for all those on journeys, from college students to the pastors.
- Guy shared concerns about the unrest in Jerusalem.
- Carol Ingenthron will have sinus surgery on Wednesday.
- Natalie Moreland's great aunt Shirley died last week.
- Bruce Wedel asked for prayers for Moundridge and the families involved in the recent tragic drowning.

### **Dates for Painting Circle 2017**

Jan 22 -- after Sunday School (bring snack)

Jan 29 -- after Sunday School (chili provided pre-annual meeting)

We have many new spring entries, more lovely verses to illustrate and, as well, the Women's Circle would like for us to start valentine favors for nursing homes.

### **Adult Painting Circle**

This year, we will add an adult (high school and above) Painting Circle. First meeting is Wednesday, January 25, 3:30 - 5:00pm. This group will meet in the classroom at the Topeka Art Guild in Fairlawn Plaza (next to the Lazy Toad).

WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Mennonite Disaster Service roofing project in Corpus Christi, TX.** This is a great location to go in the cold winter months and these are in Region III. This project will focus on roofing work and has already started and will work until early March if weekly volunteers are available. 4 – 6 volunteers are needed each week starting January 16<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers will stay at the River Hills Baptist Church in Robstown TX. If interested in helping with this project talk with Wayne or Carole Stucky.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA: Registration for “Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets”** is now open. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit [mhaelgconference.wordpress.com](http://mhaelgconference.wordpress.com).

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** School groups are celebrating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with DOOR Atlanta and DOOR Miami this weekend. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they return to their home communities tomorrow and begin to share what they learned about civil rights history and current social injustices, and how their faith calls them to respond

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**The Topeka West Orchestra Italian Dinner Night is Monday, January 23rd,** at the High School cafeteria. Zach Shima, Kaitlyn Shima, and Henry Goering are members of the Orchestra directed by Carolyn Voth. There are two seatings available for this event: 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 (adult); \$8 (Youth); and \$6 (child under 14). The event includes a wonderful Italian dinner while enjoying fantastic orchestral music. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or supporting the event with a donation, please contact one of the students or Michelle Shima at [michelle.shima@bcbsks.com](mailto:michelle.shima@bcbsks.com) (845-1028) OR Deb Goering at [tdgoering@yahoo.com](mailto:tdgoering@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your support!

**Please replace the January list** in your newsletter with the corrected list below. I sincerely apologize for the errors. – Rebekah

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Kay Siebert
- 1 – Max Stucky-Halley
- 6 – Nicole Brokar
- 6 – Tracey Funk
- 8 – Nick Grummert
- 11 – Donna Mealy
- 12 – Jevin Yoder
- 14 – Mary Becker
- 14 – Mark Schmidt
- 19 – Raylene Hinz-Penner
- 22 – Carolyn Voth
- 24 – Sue Ann Funk
- 28 – Joey Minder
- 31 – Cara Smith
- 31 – Sarah Weber
- 31 – Paul Zehr

**ANNIVERSARY**

- 29 – Terrie & Kerry Wedel