

*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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January 22, 2017

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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 "Voluntary in D Minor" Boyce
"Flute Piece" Hine
"The Saints Go Marching In" arr. Alfred
[with Anna Goering, piano; Tom Goering, mandolin]

9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP
"MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE SUNDAY"

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship Caldwell United Methodist Church website (adapted)

LEADER: If the human body, body of blood and muscle is to live, it needs salt.

**PEOPLE: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice is to live,
it needs us!**

LEADER: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs
the sun's light.

**PEOPLE: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the
Spirit's light!**

LEADER: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

PEOPLE: Our faith, our love, our hope—essential as salt and light.

*Invocation (inspired by Matthew 5:13-16)

*Hymn "What is this place" HWB 1 (blue)

Invitation to the Children "Come and see" (HWB 20) Screen

Time with the Children Janet Dixon

MCC "My Coins Count" Offering

Hymn "Grant us, Lord, the grace" HWB 388 (blue)

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.)

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer STJ 148 [adapted] (green)

Offertory "A Quiet Faith" Logan

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

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn: "Jesus calls us here to meet him" STJ 3 (green)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:18

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:13-14

Sermon: "Blessings from the Jesus Village Church" Rachel Waltner Goossen

*Hymn: "Go, my children" HWB 433 (blue)

(verses 1,3,4)

*Benediction Isaiah 30:18 (NRSV)

*Organ Response

*Postlude "Voluntary" Dupuis

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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:                   | Duane Goossen                           |
| Cynthia Neufeld Smith               | Organist: Kathy Rich                    |
| Director of Youth and Young Adults: | Ushers: Joe & Nancy Schrag              |
| Lois Grummert                       | Greeters: Jerry & Jené Yoder            |
|                                     | Nursery Helper: Gretchen<br>Morelington |

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

**10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes for all ages.** During the Sunday School hour, Rachel Waltner Goossen will speak in the Topics Sunday School class, which meets in the sanctuary. The topic is "Journeying to the North Korean Border." All interested persons are welcome!

-After Sunday School – Painting Circle (bring snack)

#### THIS WEEK

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

Wednesday, 1-5 p.m. – Quilting

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Adult Painting Circle, Topeka Art Guild in Fairlawn Plaza

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

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m. – Worship Service** – Wayne & Carole Stucky will preach.  
Roger Neufeld Smith will be worship leader.

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

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

**12:00 p.m. – Lunch served by the youth**

**1:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting**

**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

**Annual Congregational Meeting and Youth Chili Feed** - Everyone is encouraged to attend the SHMC Annual Meeting that will be held on **January 29th** in the fellowship hall following our regular Sunday morning services. A youth chili feed will precede the meeting, so plan on supporting our youth with a hot meal as well. The 2017 Annual Report booklet will be available this Sunday morning, January 22nd. **REMINDER TO MEMBERS:** A quorum of members is needed to conduct business, so please attend if possible.

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.

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS** are fundraising efforts for the **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**. This is an opportunity to host or be a guest in the home of a family interested in meeting new people who are active in KMRS. The designated Sundays are March 5 and 12. The meal is an enjoyable way to meet folks who share the KMRS vision and purpose. Brochures explaining the procedure have been placed in your mail boxes. You are invited and encouraged to participate in this event. If you have questions, visit with Roger and Judy Krehbiel or Virg and Joyce Funk.

**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.

**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.

**Please submit articles for the February newsletter by Monday, January 23.**

**Pastors' Whereabouts:** The pastors will return **Tuesday, January 24**, from their sabbatical trip to Israel/Palestine/Jordan, with the Bethel/Tabor College interterm group. Until they are back in the office, you may direct any personal concerns to a Diaconate member: Sue Ann Funk, Rod Garman, or Kevin Goering.

#### **NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

Jan 29 – Chantse Boucher  
Feb 5 – Anna Goering  
Feb. 12 – Zaka Blocker

#### **CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):**

Jan 28 – Cherveney (N), Strahm (0)  
Feb 4 – Hershberger Group (N&0)  
Feb 11 – Yoder (N), Keckeisen (0)

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Hesston College Training Events in February
- Thank you letters: MCC Central States, Lawrence Ten Thousand Villages, Doorstep
- Sara Keckeisen, 'dual citizenship' feature in Topeka Capital Journal
- Lila Bartel's letter to editor in Topeka Capital Journal

### COMING EVENTS

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

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).

#### **Prayer requests update:**

- Carol Ingenthron is recovering nicely after sinus surgery.

### 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 Mission Network Prayer Request:** JCS International, the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network serves in Mongolia, requests prayer for “the many families in our fellowships and communities who are struggling to keep their homes warm in the cold weather this winter.”

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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

### **Worship Services in January while Neufeld Smiths are on sabbatical**

January 22 – Mennonite World Conference Sunday  
- Rachel Waltner Goossen, preacher  
(Rachel will also speak in the Topics SS Class)  
- Larry Dixon, worship coordinator  
- Kathy Rich, organist

January 29 – Communion Celebration  
- Wayne and Carole Stucky, preachers  
(The Stuckys will share about their work with Mennonite Disaster Service)  
- Roger Neufeld Smith, worship leader  
- Cynthia Neufeld Smith, organist

### **Pastors' Sabbatical in January**

Cynthia and Roger plan to join the Bethel/Tabor College interterm trip to Israel, Palestine and Jordan during the month of January, leaving January 3 and returning January 24. They anticipate being in biblical and historical sites, walking where Jesus walked, and learning about the current political and social situation in this contested region of the world.

During the absence of our pastors, you may contact any of the Diaconate members with care concerns – Sue Ann Funk, Rod Garman, Kevin Goering, and Sharon Peters. Sharon will take the lead with care concerns and visitation. Sue Ann will communicate with Rebekah Wheaton in the office about announcements for the bulletin.

Worship Committee members will plan the worship services. Pray for the safety of those traveling and that this might be a time of growth and renewal for our pastors.