

**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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February 5, 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: "Andante Religioso" Thome
 "Take My Life and Let It Be" Malan
 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Bradbury

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 HWB 716 (blue)

*Invocation

*Hymn: "The church's one foundation" HWB 311 (blue)
 (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

Invitation to the Children: "Come and see" HWB 20 (screen)
 Time with the Children Glenna Lowry

MCC "My Coins Count" Offering

Song: "There are many gifts" HWB 304 (blue)
 (*Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.*)

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer TJ 148 (green)

Offertory: "Duetto" Beethoven
 (*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-17, 24-27

Sermon: "Church Membership in a Pluralistic World" Roger

*Hymn: "Heart with loving heart united" WB 420 (blue)

*Benediction (STJ 159)

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "Father, Almighty, Bless Us" Flemming

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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:<br>Roger Neufeld Smith                       | Worship Leader: Mark Schmidt  |
| Associate Pastor:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith           | Organist: Kathy Rich          |
| Director of Youth and Young Adults:<br>Lois Grummert | Ushers: Roger & Judy Krehbiel |
|                                                      | Greeters: Virg & Joyce Funk   |
|                                                      | Nursery Helper: Anna Goering  |

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

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

11:40 a.m. – Painting Circle

12:00 p.m. – Venture Club

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – Women's Night Out

Wednesday, 1-5 p.m. – Quilting

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Roger will preach about Christians in a Pluralistic World

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

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

COMING EVENTS

February 19 – Ray Robinson (El Shaddai Ministries), guest preacher

February 26 – Report on Jerusalem Seminar, Randall Schmidt, preacher

March 5 & 12 – KMRS Fellowship Meals

April 7 & 8 – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 16 – Easter Sunday

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Feb 12 – Zaka Blocker

Feb 19 – Marcus McAtee

Feb 26 – Zoe Burkholder

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Feb 11 – Yoder (N), Keckeisen (O)

Feb 18 – Seals/Schwanke (N), Bartel (O)

Feb 25 – Shima/Young (N&O)

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Topeka Capital Journal articles featuring: Kobie McAtee, Rod, Cooper & Janson Garman; Janson Garman

- "The Blue streak" (Washburn Rural HS paper), article featuring Todd McAtee

- Thank you letter from Topeka Center for Peace and Justice (MLK event)

- Hymn Sing & Dessert Auction Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah, Feb. 26

- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, March 25 & April 1

- Send a singing Valentine...Love N Harmony Barbershop Quartet

**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

**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!

**Painting Circle** meets again today after SS (11:40 - 12:15) to finish our valentines for the retirement centers. Plan to deliver them next Sunday after Sunday School.

We are starting up the **"Women's Night Out" dinners** again. All women and girls high school age and older are invited to join us for dinner. We will try different restaurants around Topeka and Lawrence starting with the Tuptim Thai restaurant this Tuesday, February 7th at 5:30. The restaurant is located at 220 SW 29th Street. Please let Diana Hershberger know if you are planning to attend so she can make the reservation. This will be a good time to gather for food, fun and fellowship.

**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. Registrations are due February 9. 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.

#### **Pastors' Whereabouts:**

- Cynthia is in Elkhart this weekend for the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of meetings of the Mennonite Song and Worship Committee. She plans to return this evening.
- Roger will attend a DART Clergy Conference this Wednesday through Friday in Orlando, FL. This will be a quick trip!

**The Wifi in our SHMC building now requires a password.** Call the church office or talk with Roger or Steve Funk if you need the password to connect your internet device in the church building.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### **Last Sunday we prayed for:**

- peace in Israel/Palestine
- the state of Kansas on its 156<sup>th</sup> birthday
- our annual congregational meeting
- Natalie Moreland's Grandmother Rachel, who is having health issues
- Alba Blocker's friend, Cheyenne, who is very ill with kidney disease
- Erna Nichol, who has had some health issues
- Colette Juhnke's friend who is receiving treatment for cancer
- Daniel Gragg as he trains to become a sheriff's deputy
- the family of Kerry Wedel's friend, who died recently from cancer
- Carole Stucky's mother, who moved into assisted living in Illinois.

#### **Last Sunday we gave thanks for:**

- a beautiful quilt recently completed by Carol Ingenthron and friends

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they begin their work to identify new nominees to serve in WDC leadership roles next year.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Marisa Smucker, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.

### 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.

**Come to the MCC Make It Day!** Come and learn how to sew an infant gown for the infant care kits at MCC. These simple, sweet gowns provide warmth and comfort to infants around the world, and we would love to find more people to sew them! Join in the fun at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th) on Friday, Feb. 10 from 9 AM - Noon, to learn more and to make a gown or two yourself. Materials and instructions will be provided. MCC has a few sewing machines, but you are encouraged to bring your own if possible. Please contact Kate Mast if you are planning to attend or have any questions: [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.

Mark your calendar! Saturday, Feb. 25 everyone is invited to the **MCC Community Engagement event** at Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston, Kan., 9-11 AM. The focus of the event will be immigration, including an in-depth look at MCC Central State's new Immigration program. More details will follow!