

**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 12, 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: "A mighty fortress is our God" Mansfield
"Fantasia on 'Forest Green'" Smith

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 (adapted from Acts 2)

LEADER: We are God's church:

PEOPLE: We come together to worship.

LEADER: We have been given God's Word:

PEOPLE: We come together to listen and learn.

LEADER: We are loved by God:

PEOPLE: We come together to celebrate.

LEADER: We become one family in God's love:

PEOPLE: We come together to share our lives.

LEADER: We have received many blessings:

PEOPLE: We come together to share our gifts.

LEADER: We are God's church:

PEOPLE: We come together to worship.

*Invocation

*Hymn: "Filled with the Spirit's power" HWB 289 (blue)

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

Time with the Children Cynthia

MCC "My Coins Count" Offering

Song: "We are the Church" Screen
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.)

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory: "O Jesus, I have promised" Hegarty
(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-31; Acts 2:41-47; 5:12-16
Sermon: "Christians in a Pluralistic World" Roger

*Hymn: "One is the body" STJ 72 (green)

*Benediction (from Acts 5)

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "Echo Alleluia" Purcell

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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                             | Readers: Sue Ann Funk & Zoe Burkholder |
| Associate Pastor, Worship Leader: Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Ushers: Roger & Judy Krehbiel          |
| Director of Youth and Young Adults: Lois Grummert       | Greeters: Jerry & Jené Yoder           |
| Organist: Michelle Shima                                | Nursery Helper: Zaka Blocker           |

**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. – Christian Education Board meeting

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. – Taco Tuesday (NetReach)

Wednesday, 1-5 p.m. – Quilting

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

6:45 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal – All singers welcome!

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

6:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Ray Robinson from El Shaddai Ministries will be our guest preacher.

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

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes for all ages. Ray will share in the Topics Sunday School class in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS

February 26 – Report on Jerusalem Seminar by Cynthia, Roger, Randall Schmidt

February 26, 11:45 – Town Hall meeting on church membership

March 5 & 12 – KMRS Fellowship Meals

April 7 & 8 – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 16 – Easter Sunday

**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** will deliver our valentines to several retirement centers this week.

**Adult Choir** will resume this Wednesday, from 6:45-7:45 p.m. All singers – new and returning, young and old, are welcome to join us. Talk with Cynthia if interested.

**Pastors' Whereabouts:** Roger and Cynthia will host the I-70 pastors group at their house this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

**The Wi-fi 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.

**Town Hall meeting Sunday, February 26:** The SHMC Council has scheduled a Town Hall meeting for Sunday, Feb. 26, following Sunday School. **This is an important meeting for all attendees, members and nonmembers alike.** The discussion will center on what church membership means and whether it is necessary for participation on committees and boards. No decisions will be made, but Council wants to hear what attendees are thinking. We will try to keep the meeting to an hour in length. Lunch will not be provided, but you are welcome to bring a snack or lunch for yourself if you wish. **Please plan to attend! Your ideas are welcome.**

**NURSERY SCHEDULE:**  
Feb 19 – Marcus McAtee  
Feb 26 – Zoe Burkholder  
Mar 5 – Kaity Shima

**CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):**  
Feb 18 – Seals/Schwanke (N), Bartel (O)  
Feb 25 – Shima/Young (N&O)  
Mar 4 – Burkholder/Oesch (N), Schmidt (O)

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Send a singing Valentine...Love N Harmony Barbershop Quartet
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kansas Silent Film Festival, Feb. 24-25
- Hymn Sing & Dessert Auction Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah, Feb. 26
- Topeka Rescue Mission February Report
- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, March 25 & April 1

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

- peace in Israel/Palestine
- Daniel Klaassen's sister Sarah and her partner Jamie. The adoption agency that Sarah and Jamie were working with to adopt a child has closed.
- the family of Paul Zehr. Paul's great-nephew and niece had a baby that was born prematurely and will need extended medical treatment.
- Sherrell Conklin, who is struggling to adjust to her CPAP machine.

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

- the good health of the recipient of Valerie Schrag's bone marrow donation. The recipient went home from the hospital recently and is doing quite well.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC pastor peer groups which meet regularly for sharing, support and prayer together.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Alfonsina and José Luis Oyanguren, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, praise God for the first year of ministry through a radio station that transmits news, music, and educational and biblical programs to Toba/Qom communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that lives will be transformed through this ministry.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

The **Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$1,020.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. **John Bartel** serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

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!

**Providing families with new opportunities to boost their incomes.** In Quang Ngai, Vietnam, **MCC funding** supports a daytime care center and cow bank program for families living with disabilities caused by exposure to Agent Orange, a toxic herbicide used by the U.S. during the Vietnam War. Cow recipient Lê Manh Châu says, "I don't know how to express with my words how happy I am, but I want to show it with my action by taking good care of the cow. I am waiting for the moment when I have the first calf and I can share it with other people."