

*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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March 5, 2017

61:10

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 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship

Back of Bulletin

*Invocation

*Hymn: "Become to us the living bread"

HWB 475 (blue)

Invitation to the Children: "Jesus loves the little children"

Screen

Time with the Children

Phyllis Slipke

MCC "My Coins Count" Offering

Song: "Break now the bread of life"

Insert

(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

Sung Response: "You are all we have"

Screen/STJ 29 (green)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

New Testament Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Choir: "Walkin' Through the Wilderness"

Butler-Moore

Jill Siebert, soloist

Sermon: "The Real Temptation"

Roger

Confession and words of assurance

*Hymn: "Jesus, tempted in the desert"

STS 36 (purple)

*Benediction

*Organ Response

*Postlude

**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)

Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith	Choir Accompanist: Kathy Rich
Associate Pastor, Worship Leader: Cynthia Neufeld Smith	Readers: Zaka Blocker & Tom Goering
Director of Youth and Young Adults: Lois Grummert	Nursery Helper: Kaity Shima
Organist: Michelle Shima	Ushers: Randy & Rachel Schmidt
	Greeters: Janet & Larry Dixon

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

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend.

12:00 p.m. – Farewell Potluck dinner for DeWayne and Elvera Dirks

THIS WEEK

Monday, 5:30 p.m. – Trustees meeting

5:30 p.m. – Leadership Committee

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

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

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

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting

Saturday, 1:30 p.m. – Girl Scout event (sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Second Sunday in Lent. Cynthia will preach.

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

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

11:45 p.m. – SHMC JUMP Network meeting

COMING EVENTS

March 5 & 12 – KMRS Fellowship Meals

April 7 & 8 – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 13 – Maundy Thursday service

April 16, 9:30 a.m. – Easter breakfast; 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship Service

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Mar 12 - Brooke Slipke

Mar 11 – Funk (N), Voth (O)

Mar 19 – Zaka Blocker

Mar 18 – Hershberger (N), Goering (O)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance: 125

Visitors: Charles & Sheree Collins, Luisa Bauer, Sara & Tyler Schmidt, Jack & Polly Collins, Virginia Blain, Kevin Teel, Jeri Ann Blain, Brynn Teel, Emily Yang, Janelle Meredith; Anthony, Kara, Zachary, Isaac Swartzendruber; Emily Haury, Brandan Judas and Myra Judas; Rose & David Haury

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

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Thanks to **Sue Ann Funk** for setting up a wilderness display and **Carol Ingenthron** for making a progressive banner for the season.

The "My Coins Count" offering is being 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 \$1,200.01. Let's see if we can exceed that amount this year. Thank you so much!

Join us in honoring **DeWayne and Elvera Dirks** and their service to Southern Hills and wish them well as they begin their next chapter of life in North Newton with a **potluck dinner today, March 5th, after Sunday school**. Everyone is invited to stay, even if you didn't bring food.

There will be an **organizational meeting TODAY during the Sunday School hour in the Holy Grounds Café** to explore the option of once again offering the **Best Books Class** as an adult Sunday School option. Mike Peters, a member of the Christian Education Board, will lead the discussion. The plan would be for those interested to choose a book to discuss over several class sessions. Depending on how long the study of the first book lasts, another book or books could then be discussed. The expectation would be that someone familiar with the book would lead the discussion. Please be thinking of a book or books that you would like to see the class discuss. It would be even better – but not mandatory - if you would lead the discussion of the book you suggest.

DeWayne Dirks has invited the Women's Circle and other SHMC friends to sell concessions at the Dirks' auction on March 18 from 8:30 until about 2ish. We need volunteers to prepare some items ahead, help organize, work a shift or two on the day of the sale, and probably some other things we don't know about yet. **We will have a QUICK meeting in the Women's Sunday School classroom immediately following worship this Sunday morning** to touch base. There will also be sign up sheets in the foyer. **If you would like to be involved in some way for preparation and/or the day of the sale, please email cseals57@gmail.com.**

Thanks to everyone who attended the **Town Hall** meeting last Sunday about church membership. Notes from the meeting were distributed via email this week. You can also find an electronic copy posted on the church website and print copies on the foyer table.

Last summer, during the **inter-generational Sunday School camp**, several items were made to be donated to this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. The 2 quilts that were tied, 6 license plate birdhouses, 10 wooden climbing bear toys and 5 wooden crayon boats are on display in the main foyer. Thanks again to all who participated!
- Phyllis Slipke

We will be cutting, baking and packaging **peppernuts** to be donated and sold at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in April. Everyone is welcome to bring dough rolled out and ready to cut or just come and help cut and package. This event will be held in the church kitchen on **Monday, March 13th at 12:00 noon**. If you have any questions please contact Joyce Funk or Judy Krehbiel. Hope to see you there!

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Lillian Wen (former attender) is a Winner in Young Artists Competition
- HI-Crest NIA Newsletter
- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, March 25 & April 1
- Auction at DeWayne & Elvera Dirks' home, March 18, 9:30 a.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Last Sunday we prayed for:

- Erna Nichol and her ongoing cancer treatment.
 - DeWayne and Elvera Dirks as they prepare to move to a new retirement community.
 - Roger's mother, who moved to assisted living this past week.
 - Sherrell and Larry Conklin, who are having pest problems in their home.
 - Bradley Bowersox as he strives to maintain his sobriety.
 - Alba Blocker's sister-in-law, who has cervical cancer.
 - groups working for peace in Israel/Palestine, including Sabeel and Wi'am.
- We gave thanks for:**
- the amazing recovery of health for Alba Blocker's friend Cheyenne.

WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

The Topeka Rescue Mission and NetReach are looking for volunteers to be mentors. You do not need any special skills except a faith in Christ and a willingness to serve. The commitment for NetReach is for at least 2 hours per week on Tuesday evenings at Avondale East School. Mentoring at TRM involves a similar amount of time. Mentors need to apply and attend two training sessions. The next Mentor Training dates are Monday, March 13, and Thursday, March 16 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm at TRM, 600 N. Kansas. Contact Anne Freeze at 785-730-8856 or afreeze@trmonline.org for more information.

Our Outreach Ministries Board is encouraging SHMC folks to participate in **Stand With Muslim Neighbors Week, March 7-13**, ending with an **Advocacy Day at the State Capitol Second Floor Rotunda on March 13, 9:30 a.m.** For more information, check out the article in the latest Southern Hills newsletter or go to the KIA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kansasinterfaithaction/>.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for pastor Jaime Cazares whose ordination will be celebrated at Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, KS, at 3 pm today.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: A Mennonite Mission Network family with two young children is serving in Turkey. Pray that this family may hold the light and hope of Jesus in an uncertain political environment, and that they may find friends and other believers to encourage them in difficult times.