

SOUTHERN HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH
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July 9, 2017 61:28

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: "Variation" Handel
"They'll Know We Are Christians" arr. Smith
"Let All Things Now Living" arr. Powell

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 Words for Worship 2 (adapted)

Leader: Wake up, O Southern Hills Mennonite people!

People: True evangelical faith cannot lie sleeping.
It clothes the naked, it comforts the sorrowful.

Leader: It shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it.

People: It binds up that which is wounded.
It has become all things to all people.*

(moments of silence for meditation)

All: Let us rise up in true faith
and shine the light of Love to the world this day! *words in bold are
a quote from Menno Simons (1539)

*Invocation

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

Invitation to the Children: "Let the children come to me" STS 47 (purple)

Time with the Children: Glenna Lowry

Hymn: "How can we be silent" STJ 61 (green)
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.)

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Wagner
(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)

*Hymn: "Make me a channel of your peace" STJ 56 (green)

Scripture Readings: Joshua 24:14-18; Mark 10:41-45
Duane and Elvera Johnson

Personal Sharing "How Was My Life Transformed by Service?"
Roger Krehbiel, Dave Gingerich, and Paul Zehr

Sharing and Prayer

*Hymn: "Forth in thy name" HWB 415 (blue)

*Benediction

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" J.C. Bach

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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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| Pastors: Roger and Cynthia Neufeld<br>Smith (on sabbatical) | Worship Leader: Larry Dixon             |
| Director of Youth and Young Adults:<br>Lois Grummert        | Nursery Helper:<br>Gretchen Morelington |
| Organist: Kathy Rich                                        | Greeter: Monica Schrag                  |
|                                                             | Ushers: Mark & Carla Schmidt            |

**10:45 a.m. – Summer Sunday School**

THIS WEEK

July 9-16 – Youth to South Dakota for service with MDS

Tuesday, 4-5:00 p.m. – Mighty Men (NetReach)

6:15-7:30 p.m. – Taco Tuesday (NetReach)

Wednesday, 4-5:00 p.m. – Mighty Men (NetReach)

Thursday, 4-5:00 p.m. – Mighty Men (NetReach)

6:00 p.m. – NO CHURCH COUNCIL

NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m. – Worship Service:** The sermon will be presented by Michael Unruh, executive director for Camp Mennoscah. He will be preaching on "A place to strengthen our connections with God, Nature, Others, and Self."

COMING EVENTS

July 17, 7:00 p.m. – Diaconate meeting at Sue Ann's house

August 17, 6:00 p.m. – Church Council

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

July 16 – Zoe Burkholder

July 23 – Fayth Boucher

July 30 – Anna Goering

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

July 15 – Funk (N), Voth (O)

July 22 – Hershberger (N), Goering (O)

July 29 – Gingerich (N), Kilmer (O)

**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

With our adult choir “on sabbatical” this summer, we invite other “**special music**” contributions to the worship service. Solos, duets, quartets, vocal or instrumental, from young to old performers – all would be welcome! Please talk to **Michelle Shima** if you have something to contribute.

You are invited to sign the card in the foyer and join the Southern Hills community in wishing **Matt, Katherine and Ari Krehbiel** all the best as they move to Washington D.C.

**Twelve infant kits have been prepared for MCC.** Judy Gingerich donated the items for the kits and Senior Coffee attendees wrapped and pinned the kits. The kits are in the office, ready to be delivered to the MCC Resource Center in North Newton. If anyone is going that way, please consider delivering the kits to the Resource Center.

If you have questions, please call Joyce Funk or Judy Krehbiel.

**PLEASE NOTE: Church Council will not meet in July.** The next meeting will be held August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 57**

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- HI-CREST NIA newsletter
- Topeka Rescue Mission July 2017 Report
- ‘Child Protection Training’-2017 summer education series
- Western District Conference Annual Assembly, Aug 4-6, Arlington, TX (poster); registration forms on foyer table

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### **Last Sunday**

Prayers were requested for:

- Brad Siebert who is the Southern Hills delegate to MC-USA in Orlando and Elsa Goossen who is presenting an immigration workshop also at MC-USA.
- Alba Blocker’s sister-in-law who is battling cancer.
- The family of Robert and Evelyn Ediger, whose son-in-law recently passed away.
- Sara Unruh, who is traveling to Minnesota to celebrate her grandmother’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

-Duane Bontragger, family friend of Lyle Burkholder, who is dealing with health issues and has been in Stormont Vail for the last week.

-The recent shooting victims in Topeka and asked for prayers for their families and for justice.

#### **Sharing:**

..Phil and Pat Esau recently traveled to Germany and Holland on a tour and enjoyed the camaraderie of the group.

..Judy Gingerich thanked Vicki for the inspirational sermon and shared that interdependence can be a challenge with families and extended families.

..Phyllis Slipke shared that she has recently accepted the job as business teacher at Holton High School, and asked for prayers as she transitions into her new role.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Opportunities** – MDS is looking for volunteers to help with 2 projects in Kansas. These projects will be looking for volunteers over the summer. MDS is looking for volunteers to help clean up fence from the early March 2017 fires in Ashland, KS. MDS is looking for volunteers to help rebuild and repair damage from a Fall 2016 tornado that hit Eureka, KS. Please contact Wayne or Carole Stucky for more details.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week to finalize delegate assembly agenda, and give leadership to the vision and mission of WDC.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are beginning the North American portion of their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network and Goshen (Ind.) College. Pray for this two-way mission and for the family as they adapt to living in the United States for the next six months.

**Mennonite Church USA Prayer Request:** This week take time to learn about, study and pray over the results of the **Future Church Summit** that recently took place in Orlando. The gathering was designed to shape a new vision and direction that will energize the church.

## Sunday School "Summer of Service" 2017 updates:

1. Today we will be tying quilts for MCC (Lavina Wall is organizing) and making birdhouses for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (John Wall and John Bartel are organizing). It is a fact that the sewing needles do fit male hands and carpenters tools work in female hands, so come learn a new skill or hone your rusty one(s).

2. On July 16, there are 2 ways to serve:

-Stay after church to help with a project for ICare. There will be something for everyone to do!

-Camp Mennoscah (Michael Unruh, Executive Director) will be sharing with us during the worship service. They have also indicated a need for large, muslin tea towels and all-purpose wash rags.

A. The Ed Board has purchased a bolt of wide muslin, it has been washed, cut to size and on the church office window. If you can pick up a couple towels to hem at home and bring back before then, that would be a great service. Otherwise, we will send with Jackson Brokar (leaves for camp on 7/23) or Miriam Krehbiel (Camp Mennoscah board member) when they are completed.

B. Please consider donating a package of all-purpose wash rags. Size and color do not matter. Please bring to worship on 7/16 so they can be sent home with Mr. Unruh.