

*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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**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 G" Heron  
"For All the Saints" Smith  
"All Creatures of Our God and King" Harris

**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

\*Invocation

\*Hymn: "Praise with joy the world's Creator" STJ 16 (green)

Special Music Lily Corkill

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

Time with the Children: Lori Oesch/Burkholder

Hymn: "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

Offertory: "Be Not Afraid" Wagner  
(*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn: "What does the Lord require" HWB 409 (blue)

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 23:15-34

Sermon: **An Alternative Lifestyle** Phil Esau/Max Burkholder

\*Hymn: "Let Justice Flow like streams" STJ 65 (green)

\*Benediction:

\*Organ Response

\*Postlude: "For All the Saints" Hildebrand

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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)<br>Organist: Kathy Rich<br>Worship Leader: Stan Voth | Nursery Helper: Zaka Blocker<br>Ushers: Kerry & Terrie Wedel |
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10:45 a.m. – NO Sunday School

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 67** **Visitors:** Aaron & Melanie Koop, Isaac and Zachary Swartzendruber

THIS WEEK

Monday, 5:30 p.m. – Trustees

NEXT SUNDAY

NO Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service: Bill Rich and Ruth Arensdorf will give reflections on Work and Faith.

2:00 p.m. – DeWayne Dirks' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration

**NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

Aug 13 – Brooke Slipke

Aug 20 – Fayth Boucher

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

Aug 12 – Hershberger Group (O&N)

Aug 19 – Yoder (N), Keckeisen (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

The deaconate and fellowship committee would like to thank all who helped with Bob Blazer's funeral arrangements on Friday July 28th. The family was very appreciative. Phil Esau and Sue Ann assisted the family with the service and Diana gathered the food and people to serve the lunch. Thank you to all who said "yes" when called and those who just stayed and helped anyway. We could not have done it without you--Thank you. Please remember Bernie and her family in your prayers.

There will be an **Open House to celebrate DeWayne Dirks' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, here in the church fellowship hall on August 13, from 2-4 p.m. Please see the invitation on the bulletin board.

**Adult Painting Circle** will meet August 16, 2-4 p.m. at the Topeka Art Guild.

#### COMING EVENTS

August 15, 5:30 p.m. – Common Ground

August 17, 6:00 p.m. – Church Council

**August 16 – Pastors back on duty!**

August 28, 5:30 p.m. – Outreach Ministries Bd. Mtg.

Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m. – Youth/Youth Adult Visioning Committee Meeting

Sept. 10, 5:00 p.m. – Mentoring Picnic at Hershberger's

#### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Thank you letter & card from Camp Mennoscah (for washcloths & towels)
- Topeka Rescue Mission August 2017 report (*see Glenna Lowry on pg. 1*)
- The MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride, Sept. 16 (brochure & registration form)
- MCC searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience
- Women & Girls Retreat, Sept. 8-10, at Camp Mennoscah (*pick up brochure*)
- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, Oct. 7 and 14

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

##### **From Last Sunday:**

- Brian Strahm asked for prayers for his co-worker's upcoming back surgery. The other custodians will have to pick up extra work while he is gone.
- Mark and Karla Schmidt asked for prayers while Randall is traveling in Europe with a friend. He is learning that some travel plans do not always work as planned.

Mark also thanked Lois for all her work with the youth in furthering their spiritual journeys.

- Tom Goering asked for prayer for Jonas and Sherry who are struggling with her parent's failing health issues. Her dad (Roy) has been placed in Hospice with acute liver failure and her mother's (Jerri) rare form of dementia is taking a toll on her ability to be self sufficient.
- Donna Mealy asked for prayers for her young nephew Seth, who suffered a mini stroke.
- Megan and Daniel Klaassen asked for prayers for a good friend who recently lost their new little baby last week.
- Alba Blocker gave an update on her sister-in law. They are currently at the New Hope Center for alternative medical treatment. Pray for a successful journey. Her brother has a website to post her [progress-stephandcarlos.com](http://progress-stephandcarlos.com)
- Sheryl Conklin reported her recent medical test came back and all is well. She thanked the congregation for their prayers. She asked for continued prayers for Larry-he is doing the same.
- Doug Penner asked for prayers as they and the Dixons travel to the Western District Conference next weekend. They are looking forward to meeting with our sister church Monte Horab. The church just finished their first session of Bible school.

#### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray that the worship, fellowship and discernment that took place at the WDC Annual Assembly this weekend in Arlington, TX, will continue to bear fruit in this 125th anniversary year, as we are rooted and built up in Christ.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the 30 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who are beginning assignments in nine locations – Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago; Elkhart, Indiana; Manhattan, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.