

**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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September 10, 2017 61:36

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: "Cornet Voluntary" Berg
"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Haydn

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

LEADER: We are called to be the Church:

PEOPLE: to celebrate God's presence,

LEADER: to live with respect in God's creation,

PEOPLE: to love and serve others,

LEADER: to seek justice and resist evil,

**PEOPLE: to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our guide and our hope.**

LEADER: We are called to be the Church.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship Christ, the cornerstone of the Church,
the One who joins us together.**

*Invocation

*Hymn: "Christ is our cornerstone" HWB 43 (blue)

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

Time with the Children Glenna Lowry

Hymn: "Longing for light" STJ 54 (green)
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.)

Scripture Reading I John 3:16-18
Sharing from Mennonite Church USA Assembly Bradley Siebert
"Love is a Verb"

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory: "All Beautiful, the March of Days" Krug
(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)

Sharing and Prayer

Sharing about Mennonite Voluntary Service Elsa Goossen
Hymn: "Lord, whose love in humble service" HWB 369 (blue)

Scripture Reading Colossians 2:6-7
Sharing from Western District Conference Assembly Janet and Larry Dixon
"Rooted and Built Up in Christ"

*Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory" HWB 366 (blue)

*Benediction

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" Walther

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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                | Worship Leader: Rod Garman             |
| Associate Pastor:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Nursery Helper:<br>Gretchen Morelinton |
| Organist: Kathy Rich                       | Greeters: Jené & Jerry Yoder           |
|                                            | Ushers: Doug & Michelle Shima          |

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

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

12:00 noon – Luncheon for Young Adults, hosted by the Diaconate

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, 5:30 p.m. – Leadership Committee meeting

7 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting

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

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon – Quilting

5:30 p.m. – Women eat at Tuptim Thai, 220 SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street

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

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – Sawdusters meeting in fellowship hall (John Wall)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Roger will preach.

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Sep 17 – Zaka Blocker

Sep 24 – Anna Goering

Oct 1 – Fayth Boucher

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Sep 16 – Funk (N), Voth (0)

Sep 23 – Hershberger (N), Goering (0)

Sep 30 – Gingerich (N), Kilmer (0)

**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

**Pastor's Whereabouts:** Cynthia is at Camp Friedenswald in lower Michigan for meetings of the Mennonite Worship and Song Collection project. She plans to return this evening.

Today **Elsa Goossen** will share about her experience in **Mennonite Voluntary Service** these past two years, **Bradley Siebert** will share about the **Mennonite Church USA assembly** this summer and **Janet and Larry Dixon** will share about the **Western District Conference assembly**.

The Diaconate is hosting a **luncheon for young adults today**. Ideas, thoughts and concerns from young adults will be solicited and shared, along with food. Please feel to attend, even if you haven't RSVPed yet – but let Diana Hershberger, Rod Garman, or Sue Ann Funk know ASAP so we can have food for everyone!

**Attention all mentors, mentees, and families!** You are invited to the annual mentoring picnic/swim party at 5 p.m. **today** at Hershbergers'. Bring your ideas and suggestions for any changes you'd find helpful in the mentoring program. **Roger will have a word for mentors about how they can be involved in baptism exploration.** Hershbergers will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. Please bring a side dish, your table service, and lawn chairs. And if you want to swim, bring your suit and towel! Questions? Ask Janet Dixon.

**Women Eat Out!** Women young and old! Join us for dinner out on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30 pm at Tuptim Thai. Please RSVP so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Talk to Caroline Seals or email her at [cseals57@gmail.com](mailto:cseals57@gmail.com) OR call/leave message at 272-3688

**Quilters:** The quilt is in the frame and waiting for stitches. This week we will quilt on WEDNESDAY, Sept 13, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Watch bulletin announcements as we figure out which day works for the most folks in the future.

**Please submit articles for the September newsletter by Monday, Sept. 25.**

We plan to update mailboxes soon! **Please clean out your mailbox within the next few weeks!!**

### COMING EVENTS

September 20 – Harpists for Peace concert at Southern Hills  
October 19-21 – I CARE garage sale

### LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 62**      **Visitors:** Lowell & Rita Peachey, Makayla Epp

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- The MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride, Sept. 16 (brochure & registration form)
- Shawnee Heights UMC Music & Ice Cream Festival, Sept. 16
- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, Oct. 7 and 14
- Hi-Crest NIA Newsletter
- Topeka Rescue Mission September 2017 report
- Lara Nell Stout's obituary

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

- healing in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and traveling mercies for Wayne Stucky as he travels to Houston to help assess how Mennonite Disaster Service might be helpful in hurricane rebuilding efforts.
- the family of Brad Chindamo, college friend of the Shimas. Brad died Saturday (9/2) after a long battle with cancer, leaving a wife and 3 teenaged kids.
- Aaron Gragg and his family. Aaron's mother, Lara Nell Stout died Tuesday night (8/29) at age 91.
- Rosalyn Robinson as she cares for her father in western Kansas (he's experiencing kidney failure) and maintains life and work in Topeka.
- Kevin Cherveney's mother, who suffered a stroke recently. Kevin is picking up extra caring duties as she recovers in Wichita.
- Erna Nichol as she receives modified cancer treatments, and her daughter Ruth as she provides care for Erna and maintains a busy work schedule.

#### **We gave thanks for:**

- a new great grandson for Dave and Judy Gingerich – River Lily Gingerich.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Rachel Waltner Goossen** will speak this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, in conjunction with the debut of a special exhibit, *Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War*. Her presentation is titled "The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness," and a reception will follow. This event is free and open to the public.

CHANGE OF VENUE – Tues., Sept. 12, 7 p.m., Leonard Pitts Jr., will speak in Bethel College's Memorial Hall (a change from previous announcements). Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books. This event is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

Western District Conference invites contributions to support our churches in the Houston, TX, area following the hurricane there. Contributions to WDC will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Please make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, and send to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 or contribute online at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org). Thank you!

# COME OUT AND PLAY!

## Annual Church Wiener Roast

Phil and Pat Esau will host the **annual church Wiener Roast** in their meadow at 3300 N. Kansas Avenue on **October 22, at 4:00 p.m.**

- Hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks (water, coffee and hot chocolate) will be furnished.
- Everyone is requested to bring a side dish, table service and outdoor chairs to sit around the fire rings. If you have wiener roasting sticks, please bring them with your name marked on them. You might also want to bring mosquito spray.
- There will be a hayrack ride or two, with times of departure announced during the evening.
- Volleyball and other lawn games will be available.

Plan to come and have a great time.

## MENNO OPEN 2017

The annual Southern Hills Mennonite Church Golf Tournament - - the **MENNO OPEN 2017** - - is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, with tee times beginning at 1:30.

- This tournament is for anyone interested in golfing.
- The teams will be made up of four players and each team is assigned to make them equally competitive. The format is a scramble which means that everyone hits every shot and then you take the best shot and everyone hits from there. It's fun for everyone.
- You have to register so Doug Shima can assign teams. You may have received an email with the registration and there is a stack of registrations in the foyer by the office. Please register ASAP. Return the **registrations** to Doug Shima's church mailbox. Electronic filing is permissible as well; send to [shimad@kscourts.org](mailto:shimad@kscourts.org).
- Cost to play is \$15 per person payable at the course that day.
- If you need clubs, please let Doug know on your registration as well.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for a meeting hosted by WDC next weekend in Dallas, TX, to promote the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) theological training program for accreditation purposes.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Pray for Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peacebuilding and reconciliation, and in business development principles.

Save the Dates for the **MCC Mini Comforter Blitz September 29 & 30** at the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas! MCC is in need of 7000 comforters to meet our partner requests by November. Requests for comforters from areas affected by current natural disasters will make that number climb higher. Check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) for more details, or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.