

*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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October 15, 2017

61:41

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: "Partita on 'O God, Thou Faithful God'" Held

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 (Buchakjian-Tweedy)

LEADER: Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give generously to others as you have given to us.

**PEOPLE: Loving God, you call us to serve you
in the compassion we show to one another.**

LEADER: We gather as one Body,
seeking to walk in the ways you have set for us.

**PEOPLE: We gather as one Body,
to worship the one who is Love.**

*Invocation

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

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

Time with the Children Karen Burkholder
Song: "Bind us together" Screen
(*Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.*)

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory: "Gather Us In" Honoré
(*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Sharing and Prayer

Voices from the Margins Lila Bartel and Malee Retana
Scripture Readings Luke 14:1,7-14; James 2:1-9
Sermon: "Topekans on the Margins" Roger

*Hymn: "Healer of our every ill" HWB 377 (blue)

*Benediction

**PEOPLE: We go from this place of worship
to share the gifts we have been given.
We go from this time of worship
to build up the body of Christ.
We go from this space
to embody God's love in the world around us.**

LEADER: Go in love, go in peace, go with God. Amen.

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Held

*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 Associate Pastor, Organist: Cynthia Neufeld Smith Worship Leader: Sharon Peters	Reader: Mike Peters Nursery Helper: Chantse Boucher Ushers: Steve & Glenna Lowry
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10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation at the Holy Grounds Café.

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 p.m. - Topeka JUMP Community Problems Assembly
at El Shaddai Ministries

Tuesday, 9-2 – Quilting

Tuesday – Saturday – Fellowship Hall used for I Care Garage Sale

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

6:45-7:45 p.m. – Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday - Senior Coffee Fellowship will NOT meet because the meeting space
will be used for the I Care Garage Sale.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – **A Great Day of Singing.** We will worship through
music and Cynthia will share about the Mennonite Worship and Song Collection
project. Invite your friends for this special service!

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Oct 22 – Brooke Slipke
Oct 29 – Zoe Burkholder

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Oct 21 – Yoder (N), Keckeisen (0)
Oct 28 – Seals/Schwanke, Bartel (0)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance: 109 Visitors: Howard & Eileen Burkholder, Lynette Sewell

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

Everyone is encouraged to move your conversations to the foyers or fellowship hall after the worship service to allow the Sunday School class to begin by 10:45. Feel free to help yourself to some coffee or tea in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your cooperation!

The 2018 Time/Talent Survey should be coming your way SOON!. This is your opportunity to let SHMC leadership know what God is calling you to do in the coming year. Over 40 opportunities for service will be listed on the survey. You can also give us your ideas for other ministries you are currently involved in or would like to organize. Everyone on the SHMC email list will receive an **email this week with a link to a Survey Monkey** on-line form. We will also have **paper forms on the foyer table** next Sunday.

Elvera Johnson and Donna Voth will be available this morning in the south foyer to help people **register to vote for the November 7 city elections**. People can learn more about the candidates for city elections by attending the Topeka JUMP **Community Problems Assembly tomorrow, October 16, 7:00 p.m.** at El Shad-dai Ministries, 920 SE Sherman. The city mayoral candidates are speaking to community concerns raised by Topeka JUMP. Information about city council candidate responses to JUMP concerns will also be shared. The public is invited to attend; you don't have to be a member of JUMP.

Last chance to submit **3 of your most beloved "heart songs" from our three current songbooks** (*Hymnal: a Worship Book, Sing the Journey, and Sing the Story*). Email them to Cynthia or jot them on a piece of paper in the basket on the office counter today. Please include your name. Every person is welcome to contribute their favorites. We may include some of them in our **Great Day of Singing** during the worship service next Sunday.

Our **Blessing Box** (at the corner of 37th and Colfax) is emptied very quickly after anything is placed there. Please make it part of your church routine to bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, and household supplies as often as possible.

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

Please submit articles for the November newsletter by Monday, Oct. 23.

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

20 comforters were taken to MCC in Newton; seven were tied. Thanks to everyone who helped make them. Judy Gingerich

COMING EVENTS

October 16, 7:00 p.m. – JUMP Community Problems Assembly
October 17-18 - I CARE garage sale set up; 19-21 – sale
October 22, 9:30 a.m. – Great Day of Singing
October 22, 4:00 p.m. – Annual Wiener Roast at Esau's home
October 29, 1:30 p.m. – Menno Open Golf Tournament

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

-Topeka Center for Peace and Justice 2017 "PEACE PARTY," Oct. 17
-Sexual Abuse Prevention Training, "Who Speaks for Victims and Survivors," Oct. 26, North Newton
-"Seasons of the Soul," Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 17-18
-"Ninnescah News" (Camp Mennoscah fall newsletter)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Last Sunday we prayed for:

- victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas and local shootings in Topeka and Lawrence.
- Erna Nichol as her health declines. She is receiving hospice care.
- Brian Strahm's challenges at work.
- recovery for Leanne Kilmer from knee replacement surgery
- Alba Blocker's extended family in Puerto Rico and her brother and sister-in-law who are dealing with a long illness.

We gave thanks for:

- A beautiful day!

WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

The YWCA is offering a free workshop to faith- based communities as part of their annual "**Week Without Violence**". The workshop is "Recognizing Batterers in Our Faith Communities", to be held Tuesday, October 17, 9:00 – noon at the YWCA, 225 SW 12th. Presenters include Dorothy Stucky Halley and Steven Halley, parents of our own Max Stucky-Halley. See information on the bulletin board.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC representatives Ryan Koch, Anita Kehr and Heidi Regier Kreider attending Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council this week in Kansas City.

Coming event for I Care – Can you help?

Thank you for your continuing donations of food, garden produce, hygiene items, and plastic bags to I Care. We depend on your support, and we appreciate your generosity.

Due to some requests, another **garage sale** is scheduled for **October 19-21** in Fellowship Hall.

- Bring your no-longer-needed items to church on **Oct. 17 or 18**.
- **Sign up to help**; enjoy working with I Care supporters from the other three sponsoring churches and meeting our customers! Sign up at church (sign-up sheet is on the office window ledge) or email Janet Dixon to volunteer. We will need help

- setting up in Fellowship Hall on Oct. 17 and 18 (Tues. and Wed.);

- helping customers on Oct. 19-21 (Thurs. and Fri. all day and Sat. till noon),

- and cleaning up on Saturday afternoon (Oct. 21).

Please join the fun!

Topeka JUMP Event this Fall

Our **Community Problems Assembly** will be held at **El Shaddai Ministries, 920 SE Sherman, October 16th at 7:00 p.m.** The agenda includes a report on the annual JUMP listening process for justice concerns and updates on our campaigns for mental health services, safe and affordable housing, and transportation needs. The city mayoral candidates will then speak to community concerns raised by Topeka JUMP. Information about city council candidate responses to JUMP concerns will also be shared. **The public is invited.**

2017 Annual Church Wiener Roast

Phil and Pat Esau are hosting the **Annual Church Wiener Roast** in our meadow at 3300 N. Kansas Avenue on **October 22, at 4:00**. Look for the balloons on our mailbox and follow signs to the meadow.

1. Hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks (water, coffee, hot chocolate, hot apple cider) will be furnished.
2. Everyone is requested to bring a **side dish, table service and outdoor chairs** to sit around the fire rings.
3. Please bring **wiener roasting sticks**, with your name marked on them.
4. You may want to **bring mosquito spray**.
5. There will be a trailer hay ride, bring throws or blankets if you want them.
6. Volleyball will be set up.
7. Anyone who wants to bring **musical instruments**, please do.
8. Feel free to ask your neighbors and/or friends to come.

Plan to come and have a good time. Any questions, contact Phil (250-1221) or Pat (213-0506).

MENNO OPEN 2017

The annual Southern Hills Mennonite Church Golf Tournament - - the **MENNO OPEN 2017** - - is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29th**, 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.
- 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.