

*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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61:43

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: "A mighty fortress is our God" Bender, Buxtehude, Walcha

9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP - 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship

Psalms 46

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength,
a help always near in times of great trouble.

**PEOPLE: Therefore we will not fear when the world fall apart,
when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea,
when its waters roar and rage,
when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.**

LEADER: There is a river whose streams make God's city glad,
the holiest dwelling of the Most High.

**PEOPLE: God is in that city. It will never crumble.
God will help it when morning dawns.**

LEADER: Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.
God speaks and the earth melts.

**PEOPLE: The Lord of heavenly hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our place of safety.**

LEADER: Come, see the Lord's deeds.

**PEOPLE: God brings wars to an end in every corner of the world,
breaking the bow and shattering the spear,
burning chariots with fire.**

LEADER: Be still and know that the Lord is God!

**PEOPLE: God is exalted among all nations;
God is exalted throughout the world.**

LEADER: The Lord of heavenly hosts is with us;

PEOPLE: The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

*Invocation

*Hymn: "A mighty fortress is our God" HWB 165 (blue)

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

Time with the Children Norma Juhnke
Song: "I am the church" Screen
(*Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery during the song.*)

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory: "A mighty fortress is our God" Walther
(*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Sharing and Prayer

Song: "Blest are they" STJ 94 (green)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-5; Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon: "Church on the Margins" Roger

*Hymn: "The church of Christ" HWB 403 (blue)

*Benediction

LEADER: For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

LEADER: For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

LEADER: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

LEADER: The blessing of God – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
be with you and all the church, now and always. Amen.

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "A mighty fortress is our God" Albrecht

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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<br>Associate Pastor, Organist:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Worship Leader: Miriam Krehbiel<br>Nursery Helper: Zoe Burkholder<br>Ushers: Larry & Janet Dixon |
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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.**

1:30 p.m. – Menno Open Golf Tournament

3:00 p.m. – Memorial Service for Rosanne Siemens

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Nov 4 – Shima/Young (N&O) Nov 11 – Burkholder/Oesch (N), Schmidt (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

Thanks to all the **musicians** who contributed to the *Great Day of Singing* last Sunday, and thanks to **Phil and Pat Esau** for hosting the **wiener roast** that afternoon. It was a special day!

**A memorial service for Rosanne Siemens will be held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.** A fellowship time will follow the service. Everyone is invited to both the service and the fellowship time.

The annual Southern Hills Mennonite Church Golf Tournament - - the **MENNO OPEN 2017** - - will continue as scheduled this afternoon. Check with Doug Shima for team assignments and tee times for participants. Tee times begin at 1:30.

**The 2018 Time/Talent Survey is here!** 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 are 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 should have received an email this week with a link to a Survey Monkey online form. **If you did not receive the email with the survey link, please call or email the church office.** We will also have paper forms on the foyer table. **The deadline for completing the survey is Nov. 5.**

Thanks to the **quilters** who have put stitches in our next quilt for the 2018 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. We will resume quilting after the first of the new year.

**Pastors' Whereabouts:** Roger and Cynthia will host the I-70 pastors at their house this Thursday, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Renee Reimer, Youth and Outreach Ministries Director for Rainbow Mennonite Church, will meet with **SHMC youth and their parents on November 5 during the Sunday School hour.** Renee will tell us about youth ministry at Rainbow Mennonite and share about current trends and ideas about youth ministry. **Youth Mentors are also welcome to attend this meeting.** We are excited to have Renee share her ideas with us.

### THIS WEEK

Monday, 5:30 p.m. – Outreach Ministries Board meeting  
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. – Women and Men's Bible study groups  
6:45-7:45 p.m. – Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – Senior Coffee Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Women's Circle Bake Sale

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – People With Disabilities on the Margins. We will also have a brief dedication service for our renovated North Foyer.  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes for all ages. Youth and parents of youth will meet together in the basement with Renee Reimer, youth pastor at Rainbow Mennonite, Kansas City, KS.  
12:00 p.m. – Lunch meeting of Vision Committee for Youth and Young Adult Ministries with guest, Renee Reimer. The Education Board and Diaconate are also invited to attend.

### COMING EVENTS

November 12, 10:45 a.m. – Youth visit Temple Beth Shalom. Mentors are welcome to attend with their mentees.  
November 19, 12:00 p.m. – Annual SHMC Thanksgiving Dinner  
December 17 – SHMC Christmas Programs

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

-Zach Shima and Roger Laubengayer-Mena featured in Topeka Public School's "Highlights of 2016-2017"  
-Roger featured on front page of Topeka Capital –Journal; Topeka JUMP news conference re: affordable housing  
- Thank-you note from Leanne Kilmer for the planter after her surgery  
-"Seasons of the Soul," Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 17-18

### LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance:** 117    **Visitors:** Kayla Anderson, Robert & Giny Mackey, Sharon Shoemaker, Dennis & Karen Statler

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

- the family of Rosanne Siemens. Rosanne died unexpectedly Saturday night.
- Rosalyn Robinson and her family as they celebrated the life of Rosalyn's father, Melvin Roy Siemens, last Saturday at his memorial service
  - Zach Wedel, son of Blake and Staci Wedel and grandson of Bruce and Suzette Wedel. Zach had major brain surgery the previous week.
  - Tom Goering, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Doctors are still running tests to determine the type and extent of the cancer.
  - residents of the Hi-Crest neighborhood as they face many challenges in life.
  - the Conklin family and their medical challenges.
  - Roger and Cynthia and the Southern Hills congregation as we make a transition in pastoral leadership.

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

- Leanne Kilmer's successful knee surgery.
- Steady progress for Joe Schrag in recovering his eyesight.
- Lila Bartel's successful hip surgery.

#### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC congregations supporting immigrants in their communities and families, and for those who offer immigration-related training and resources.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.

**Prayers for Faith and Learning: Goshen (Indiana) College** - Pray for Goshen College students as they engage with questions about interfaith dialogue with guest, Eboo Patel.

**Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available!** Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a [wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org), to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply!

## Holiday Breakfast and Bake Sale November 4, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Fellowship Hall

The Bake Sale committee would like to request the following donations from our congregation:

- Candy and candy-like items, cookies, pies, zwieback, small loaves of quick breads, dinner rolls, and other kinds of baked goods
- Donations of Christmas craft items would also be wonderful.
- Donated items need to be at the church by 4:00 on Friday, November 3rd.

Then come and help support this fundraiser by enjoying

- a wonderful breakfast of cinnamon rolls, fruit and beverages.
- a sale of Equal Exchange items
- a wide variety of baked goods including cinnamon rolls, peppernuts, and zwieback

Church members will also have an opportunity to purchase items on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> after church and Sunday school

Proceeds will go to congregational, denominational, and community ministries. Thank you!