

*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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January 14, 2018

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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: "Fugue in G minor" Pepusch  
"Andante" Schubert  
"The Gift of Love" arr. Leavitt

**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: Amid the busyness of life around us  
We are led along a different path  
To a desert river and the cry of a prophetic voice:

**PEOPLE: A call to repentance, a call to service,  
A call to immerse ourselves  
in living water that will never run dry;  
A call to prepare a way in our own lives  
For the Savior of the world to enter in.**

LEADER: For faithful prophets and the gift of the Living Word,  
we give thanks.

**PEOPLE: In response to God's call,  
we pray for openness and faithfulness.**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn: "Hark! The glad sound!" HWB 184 (blue)

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God" Screen  
Time with the Children Caroline Seals

Offertory Prayer

"My Coins Count" offering

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. Carter  
(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn: "On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry" HWB 183 (blue)

Scripture Reading selected portions from Matthew 3, Mark 10 and I John 5  
Sermon: "These Three Testify" Roger

\*Hymn: "I believe in you, Lord Jesus" HWB 440 (blue)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary" Young

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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, Worship Leader:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith<br>Organist: Kathy Rich | Greeters: Jerry & Jené Yoder<br>Nursery Helper: Anna Goering<br>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 - Church office closed for MLK Jr. holiday.

Tuesday, 9:00 am-2:00 p.m. - quilting on the KMRS quilt

5:30 p.m. - Common Ground board meeting

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - Men & Women's Bible Study

Thursday, 9-11 a.m. - Senior Coffee fellowship

7 p.m. - Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee meeting

Friday p.m. to Saturday noon - Girl Scout sleepover (N. Moreland) - basement

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Roger will preach about membership covenants.

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

12:00 p.m. - Youth Lunch and Bowling Party

NURSERY SCHEDULE: CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):  
Jan 21 - Chantse Boucher Jan 20 - D. Burkholder (N), Schmidt (0)  
Jan 28 - Zaka Blocker Jan 27 - Gingerich (N), Voth (0)  
Feb 4 - Brooke Slipke Feb 3 - Hershberger (N), Goering (0)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 93 Visitor: Michelle Ewert**

**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

We are collecting "**My Coins Count**" offerings from now until April 8th. The total collected for 2017 was \$1,202.27. Our goal for 2018 is \$1,300.00. If you are interested in matching an amount collected on any Sunday, please contact Judy Krehbiel. Thank you so much for your contributions!

The "vessel" that Mike Peters made is on display on the shelf in our art gallery. You might want to get a closer look at the beautiful piece Mike made that incorporates "imperfections."

We have resumed **quilting on the KMRS quilt** on Tuesdays, at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch.

**Mentees and mentors** are invited to eat lunch as a group and then head to Gage Bowl for a bowling party on Sunday, Jan. 21. Please let Carolyn Voth know your plans to participate.

**Stan and Donna Voth** have moved to a new home: 6317 SW Monarch Ct., Topeka, KS 66610. No change to telephone or email.

Our **annual congregational meeting** will be held **Sunday, January 28**, after a lunch provided by our youth (donations for lunch go to the youth trip to Heifer International this summer). Check the January newsletter to read about some proposed amendments to the SHMC constitution. Annual report books will be distributed next Sunday, January 21.

**Please submit articles for the February newsletter by Monday, January 29.**

**SAVE THE DATE! February 18, 4 p.m.** - Hymn Sing Fundraiser for MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service). See poster on bulletin board and bulletin insert.

There are a few random **votive candles** on the office window. Please help yourself to any you can use.

### COMING EVENTS

January 21, 12:00 p.m. - Youth Lunch and Bowling Party

January 28, 12:00 p.m. – Congregational Lunch served by the Youth Group  
– 12:45 p.m. - Annual congregational meeting

February 18, 4:00 pm – Hymn Sing/Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Stanley Hendrich's memorial service program (Nancy's former husband)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Whose Dream Is It?"
- Hesston College Church Relations Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2017
- HI-CREST NIA January 2018 newsletter
- Topeka Rescue Mission January 2018 report
- Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith, Feb. 11 & 12 (handouts on table)

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

- Nancy Hendrich and her family. Nancy's former husband, Stan, died early on New Year's Day. Guy and Nancy traveled to Indiana for the funeral. While in Indiana, Nancy's adopted son, Darrell Scott, died of cancer.
- Roger's mother, who moved to an Alzheimer's care home the previous week.
- various students traveling during January, including the Bethel College choir. Several members of the choir had the flu while in Europe.
- former member Bonnie Heidebrecht's family. Bonnie's son-in-law died of cancer.
- Makayla Epp's family. Makayla's grandfather died in December.

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

- improvement for Tom Swartzendruber, Kara's father-in-law, who had complications after heart valve replacement surgery.
- Michael Coker, who is doing well in pharmacy school in Chicago.
- increased employment support for people with mental illness after being released from jail.
- an announcement of new affordable housing to be built in Topeka.
- Natalie Moreland's new job as children's librarian at the public library.
- Paul Zehr's new granddaughter, born recently in China.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Today, Sunday, January 14!** You're invited to a special screening of the film *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* at 3pm in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. The film captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. MCC is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event. Please join us!

**The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, will be held on **Monday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., at First Christian Church**, 1880 Gage Blvd. A free soup supper will begin the event at 6:30 pm in the church's fellowship hall. The keynote speaker is Rabbi Moti Rieber, Executive Director of Kansas Interfaith Action.

Does a night off of cooking and fine music sound too good to be true? It's not! Please join us for **Italian dinner night** on Monday, January 22 in the cafeteria at Topeka West High School. Seatings are at 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Listen to orchestra music while you enjoy lasagna, salad, breadsticks, and of course cheesecake! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students, and \$6 Kids under 14 and can be purchased from Henry Goering or Kaitlyn Shima.

# Raise the Roof

a Hymn Sing and Fundraiser for  
Mennonite Disaster Service

Sunday, February 18, 4pm

(doors open at 3:30pm to view auction items)

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Join us in a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite  
Disaster Service:

- An old-fashioned hymn sing led by Andrew Voth, with instrumental accompaniment from our own talented musicians!
- Learn about MDS via Carole and Wayne Stucky, Co-Directors of Region 3
- Silent Auction - bid on one of twelve homemade desserts/baked goods!
- Reception to follow the singing. A time for fellowship and to wrap up the silent auction!
- Special musical entertainment during the reception in the Fellowship Hall
- Start thinking about your favorite hymns!
- The more the merrier! Bring your friends!  
Looking forward to seeing you!

**If you are unable to attend but still wish to donate to  
MDS, please make checks payable to  
MDS – Region 3, and send to the address above.**