

**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: "My Faith Looks up to Thee" Mason  
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Gordon

**9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP - MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

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

Announcements

\*Passing the Peace

\*Musical Response

\*Call to Worship *(Bread for the Journey)*

Leader: We have come to celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ,

**People: Whom we recognize as we join in the breaking of bread.**

Leader: We gather through the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
who creates and renews the church of Jesus,

**People: binding together faithful people of all ages, languages,  
and races,**

Leader: and with whom we lift our song of praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
your glory fills the heavens and the earth.**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn: "Here in this place" HWB 6 (blue)

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God" Screen  
Time with the Children Lavina Wall

Offertory Prayer (STJ 147)

"My Coins Count" offering

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory: "It is Well with My Soul" Bliss  
*(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)*

Sharing and Prayer

Sermon: "A Family Dinner" Cynthia  
Choir: "Jesus, at your Holy Table" Larson

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Pledge of Love

Prayer

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Cup

Prayer

Insert

\*Hymn: "Sent forth by God's blessing" HWB 478 (blue)

\*Benediction (STJ 175)

\*Postlude: "Head of the church triumphant" Mason

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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                | Choir Accompanist: Kathy Rich     |
| Associate Pastor:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Nursery Helper: Zaka Blocker      |
| Organist: Michelle Shima                   | Greeters: Judy and Roger Krehbiel |
| Violin: Donna Mealy                        | Ushers: Steve & Glenna Lowry      |

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

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

**12:00 p.m. - Congregational Lunch served by the Youth Group  
- 12:45 p.m. - Annual congregational meeting**

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting

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

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

6:45 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal - All singers welcome!

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

11:45 a.m. - Mainstream Voices clergy group @ SHMC

Saturday, 1-2 p.m. - Green and Clean swap meet

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Roger will preach about support & accountability

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Feb 4 - Brooke Slipke

Feb 11 - Kaity Shima

Feb 18 - Zoe Burkholder

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Feb 3 - Hershberger (N), Goering (O)

Feb 10 - Shima/Young (N&O)

Feb 17 - Funk (N), Strahm (O)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 109 Visitor:** Nicole and Jackson Brokar; Stephen & Janelle  
Corkill, Lily, Eve, Anna, Levi

**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

Our **annual congregational meeting** will be held today, **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 are available at the church office window.**

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!

Our **guest preacher** on Sunday, February 11, will be **Rabbi Moti Rieber**, executive director of Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA). KIFA has been an active advocate for increased health care access, school funding and environment protections. Rabbi Rieber was the keynote speaker at the recent community Martin Luther King service.

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

Many people have to make the difficult choice whether to heat or eat. Help score a Touchdown for Hunger by **bringing cans of soup** during **Souper Bowl Week of Caring**, January 30 – February 5. The soup will go to the **I Care food pantry**.

**Fellowship Meals**, a fund-raiser for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, are scheduled for February 25 and/or March 4. You are invited to sign up to be a host or a guest. Sign-up forms are available in the foyer. See Judy Krehbiel or Joyce Funk for questions and more information

**Quilter's Corner**, a fund-raising booth for the KMRS Sale needs quilt related items for the booth. You are invited to donate items suggested on the insert. Donations will be taken to the February KMRS planning meeting.

**DeWayne and Elvera Dirks** requested a letter of membership transfer to Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. The Diaconate granted this request at their January meeting. We wish DeWayne and Elvera God's blessing in their new church home.

Wayne Stucky's sister, LaVonne Thiessen, Henderson, NE passed away on Wednesday, January 24 after a battle with cancer. Services were on Saturday at

the Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson.

### COMING EVENTS

February 18, 4:00 pm – Hymn Sing/Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service  
February 25 and March 4 – KMRS Fellowship Meals

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith, Feb. 11 & 12 (handouts on table)
- "Raise the Roof in Song," Hymn Sing/fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service, Feb. 18, 4:00 pm (poster)
- Thank you card from The Topeka Center for Peace and Justice
- Celebration & Fundraiser, Peace Mennonite Church's Building Project, Feb. 10
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kansas Silent Film Festival, Feb. 23-24
- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, April 14 & 21
- Rusty Smoker's obituary (Guy Smoker's brother)

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

- Nancy Hendrich in the loss of her former husband and adopted son.
- Mark Schmidt as he deals with a tragedy in his school district.
- Steve Lowry's cousin in Iowa who was severely injured in an automobile accident.
- Alba Blocker's family in the loss of her sister-in-law.
- a reduction of violence in Topeka.
- Ellen Kroeker's nephew, who is being detained by immigration officials.
- Kerry Wedel's niece, who died suddenly from complications from influenza.
- Sherrell Conklin's mother, who is bedridden in her home in Wichita.

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

- warmer weather
- a great Girl Scout gathering at SHMC on Friday and Saturday.
- a good move and a great new home for the Waltner family.
- tornado recovery help received by the Unruh family in Greensburg 10 yrs ago

#### **Update:**

- Guy Smoker's brother, Rusty, died on Tuesday. Services were held yesterday in Harper, Kansas.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

As **remodeling continues on the Camp Mennoscah** kitchen and dining hall, the camp needs your help on several projects. These include replacing the roofing, painting in the final stages, and help moving everything back into the kitchen. The next step is to apply shingles on the roof for the new entrance. If you can help, please call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3014 or Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 or [jdwyder@cox.net](mailto:jdwyder@cox.net).

**Sun., Feb. 11 – "Moved by the Spirit," an organ recital by Rosi Penner Kaufman, 4 p.m.**, featuring works by Pietro Yon, Frank Bridge, Johann Praetorius, J.S. Bach, Gardner Read (with Mitch Kaufman, trombone), and Frank Ferko, *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.*

Everyone is invited to join the board and staff of **Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting** on Friday, February 23 at 10:30am at the MCC Center (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton, KS 67117).

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are concluding a retreat in San Diego. Pray that the spiritual and physical renewal they experienced through worship and fellowship will inspire and sustain them in the coming months of mentoring the participants in their units.

## Community Order according to Balthasar Hubmaier (1527)

### PLEDGE OF LOVE:

Brothers and sisters, if you will to love God before all things,  
in the power of God's Word,  
and to subject your will to God's will;  
then let each say: I will. **I WILL.**

If you will love and serve your neighbors,  
and lay down your life for them in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who laid down his life for us,  
then let each say: I will. **I WILL.**

If you will practice mutual admonition toward your brothers and sisters,  
speak and hear the truth,  
make peace with those whom you have offended,  
cease what causes harm to your neighbors,  
and do good, even to your enemies,  
then let each say: I will. **I WILL.**

If you desire to confirm before the church this pledge of love,  
by eating bread and drinking wine,  
the living memorial of the death of Jesus, our Lord,  
then let each say: I desire it in the power of God.  
**I DESIRE IT IN THE POWER OF GOD.**