

**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 7, 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: "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" Wold
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Wold
"We Three King of Orient Are" Linker

9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP - EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The light is here. We carry it within us.

All: It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.

Leader: It shines as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens,
and your glory reaches the earth.

All: May we, like the magi, seek until we find you.

**May we offer our gifts in your presence,
no matter where you are found.**

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

*Invocation

*Hymn: "As with gladness men of old" HWB 218 (blue)
(stanzas 1, 2, 3)

Invitation to the Children: "O come, little children" Screen
Time with the Children Mike Peters

Offertory Prayer

"My Coins Count" offering

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory: "As with Gladness Men of Old" Wold
(*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn: "What child is this/Helpless and hungry" HWB 215/STS 26
(Stanza 1 of "Helpless" then "What child," stanza 2 of "Helpless"
then "What child," then both together on stanza 3)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon, Part 1 Roger

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Sermon, Part 2 Roger

*Hymn: "Bright and glorious is the sky" HWB 219 (blue)
(stanzas 1 through 4)

*Benediction

*Postlude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Drischner

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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 Leaders: Stan Voth and |
| Associate Pastor, Organist:  | Cooper Garman                  |
| Cynthia Neufeld Smith        | Nursery Helper: Fayth Boucher  |
| Greeters: Jerry & Jené Yoder | 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.**

THIS WEEK

Monday, 5:30 pm - Youth and Young Adult Visioning Committee meeting

- 7:00 pm - Worship Committee meeting

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

- 6:45 pm - Leadership Committee meeting

Thursday, 6 p.m. - Church Council meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Jan 14 - Anna Goering

Jan 21 - Chantse Boucher

Jan 28 - Zaka Blocker

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Jan 13 - Seals/Schwanke (N), Kilmer (0)

Jan 20 - D. Burkholder (N), Schmidt (0)

Jan 27 - Gingerich (N), Voth (0)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance:** 79; **Visitors:** Howard & Eileen Burkholder; Stephanie Gingerich; Steve, Elizabeth, Olive, Lily Gingerich; Lynette & Derek Sewell; Rachel, Samuel, Jonah, Hannah Voth Schrag; Micah and Ariel Smith, Cara Smith, Edem Abotsi

**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

"After my fall and then the surgery to repair my broken ankle, Mike and I received lots of well wishes in the form of cards and phone calls. Thank you. Thank you too, for the beautiful Christmas poinsettia from the church and the food from the Meal Train! All very much appreciated at such a busy time of year. We thank God for our church family."  
....Carol and Mike Ingenthron

**A special thanks** to the following people who added so much to our **Advent/Christmas/Epiphany worship series** this year: Lila Bartel, painted banners; Lyle, Zoe Burkholder (and Lori Oesch), dramas; Mike Peters (and Phil Esau), children's stories.

The Church Council would appreciate **feedback on an initial draft of the SHMC 2018 General Budget**. Electronic copies were emailed to our SHMC contact list. Let the church office know if you didn't receive it. Paper copies are available on the south foyer table. Please make comments directly on your paper copy and place in Kerry Wedel's church mailbox or by email ([wed3004@hotmail.com](mailto:wed3004@hotmail.com)). Comments are due on Jan. 7 and will be shared at the council meeting on Jan. 11.

**"My Coins Count" offering** will begin this Sunday through April 8th. Please be ready to bring your coins and possibly match any offering. See Judy Krehbiel if interested.

We will resume **quilting on the KMRS quilt** on Tuesday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Tentatively, the days for quilting will be Tuesdays from 9-2.

The **Women's and Men's Bible Studies** resume this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

**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.

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 on Sunday, January 21.

**SAVE THE DATE! February 18, 4 p.m.** - Hymn Sing Fundraiser for MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service). More details to come soon.

### 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

- "Mennonites provide food and shelter in DR Congo" – two articles  
-25<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Whose Dream Is It?"  
Jan. 15 at First Christian Church  
-Christmas cards/letters from: Todd, Marcus, Kobie, Leah McAtee & Heidi Braun;  
Cornerstone of Topeka  
- Hesston College Church Relations Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2017  
- Complete schedule for "People's State of the State" Rally this Wednesday.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

-Tom Swartzendruber, Kara's father-in-law, who had complications after heart valve replacement surgery.  
- Nancy Hendrich's adopted son, Darrell Scott, who was on life support as a result of cancer.  
-the family of Elvera Johnson's former brother-in-law, Dwain Swick, who passed away this past week.

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

- Judy and Dave Gingerich's large family gathering.

#### **Update:**

- Nancy Hendrich's former husband, Stan, died early on New Year's Day. Guy and Nancy are traveling to Indiana for the funeral and to be with Nancy's adopted son, Darrell Scott.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

The Kansas People's Agenda is sponsoring a **"People's State of the State" Rally this Wednesday, January 10**, at the Kansas Statehouse. There are activities through the day. The main rally will begin at 11:30 a.m. Organizers encourage you to arrive early.

**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.