

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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February 18, 2018

62:7

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: "Diapason Voluntary" Young
"Interlude" Young
"The Greatest Gift" arr. Colvin

9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship

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*Invocation

*Hymn: "I sing the mighty power of God"

HWB 46 (blue)

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God"

Screen

Time with the Children

Pat Esau

Song: "Between Me and You"

Screen

Offertory Prayer

(Joanna Harader)

LEADER: Generous God, we give these offerings in gratitude,

PEOPLE: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

PEOPLE: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

PEOPLE: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

PEOPLE: May we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen

"My Coins Count" offering

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory: "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Carter

(Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.)

Sharing and Prayer

Introductory Comments

Cynthia

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Hymn: "O God, who gives us life" HWB 483 (blue)

Sermon: "Me and You and the Creatures Too" Cynthia

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1, 4-10

Choir: "A Covenant Prayer" Wesley/Forrest

(see text in bulletin insert)

*Benediction

We are God's people.

We go in God's love to share God's love and live in God's promise.

*Organ Response

*Postlude: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" arr. Hughes

**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, Worship Leader: Roger Neufeld Smith	Readers: Phil Hershberger and Henry Goering
Associate Pastor: Cynthia Neufeld Smith	Nursery Helper: Zoe Burkholder
Organist: Kathy Rich	Greeters: Dale & Karen Burkholder
Soloist: Vicki Penner	Ushers: Roger & Judy Krehbiel

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

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

4:00 pm - Hymn Sing/Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - JUMP Board of Directors meeting @ SHMC

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

6:45 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal

Friday, 5:00 p.m. - Topeka Common Ground set up (FH)

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Common Ground seed fair @ SHMC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Second Sunday in Lent. Roger will preach.

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE: CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Feb 25 - Gretchen Morelington Feb 24 - Hershberger Group (N&O)

Mar 4 - Fayth Boucher Mar 3 - Burkholder/Oesch (N), Yoder (O)

COMING EVENTS

February 24 - Common Ground Seed Fair @ SHMC

February 25 and March 4 - KMRS Fellowship Meals

March 4, 12:00 p.m. - SHMC JUMP Network meeting

March 25 - Palm Sunday

March 29, 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service

April 1 - Easter Sunday

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!

TODAY at 4 p.m. - Hymn Sing Fundraiser for MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service). Request a favorite song, using the slips of paper on the office counter. Bid on special homemade food items! And **invite your friends to come sing!**

The **quilting is finished** on the quilt we will donate to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!! The quilters celebrated by going out for lunch following the last stitch. The quilt will be displayed in church next Sunday. Thanks to all the quilters who got it done!!!

Please submit articles for the **March newsletter by Monday, February 19.**

Persons can pick up **"Pastoral Transition" handouts** on the south foyer table.

The SOHO Gallery presents: **Lila Bartel**, "Living Expressions," Feb. 2-Mar. 31.

Nancy and I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, concerns, cards and prayers during our family losses the last couple of months. This is truly a caring and loving congregation that follows the love of Jesus.

-Guy E Smoker and Nancy Hendrich

Registration is now open for the academic conference **"Mennonites and the Holocaust,"** to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, with scholars and participants from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine, and the United States. **One of the presenters is Ben Goossen**, who will be speaking Friday, March 16, on "Mennonite Scholarship in the Third Reich." See mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register.

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance: 80

Visitors: Tim & Judy Goertzen

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- "Raise the Roof in Song," Hymn Sing/fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service, Feb. 18, 4:00 pm (poster)
- Janson and Cooper Garman featured in Cap-Journal article on city swim meet.
- Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention Spring Workshops, at MCC Center

- 22nd Annual Kansas Silent Film Festival, Feb. 23-24
- Hymn Sing & Dessert Auction Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah, Feb. 25
- The Concordia Choir, Feb. 26, Grace Episcopal Cathedral
- Operation Soup Line (to benefit Doorstep, Inc.), Feb. 28
- Camp Mennoscah 2018 schedule
- 2018 Winter JAM tour spectacular (Christian Music's largest annual tour), Mar. 16, Kansas City, MO
- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, April 14 & 21
- Thank yous from: Cornerstone, Doorstep, Inc., Mennonite Mission Network

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Last Sunday we prayed for:

- Guy Smoker and his family at the death of Guy's brother Rusty.
- Nancy Hendrich and her family in the recent deaths of family members.
- justice and peacemaking efforts in our community and state.
- reduction of gun violence in Topeka.
- Elsa Goossen and her work with undocumented immigrants in El Paso.

We gave thanks for:

- Zaka Blocker being invited to play on an advanced soccer team.
- Cynthia's participation in the MC USA hymnal project.
- Paul Zehr's daughter-in-law who completed nurses training recently.

WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

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. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117).

"BEFORE THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS" – Hesston College's 2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference will take place February 23-25 and will offer a hands-on process where issues of oppression that can lead to trauma-related incidents are addressed. The weekend will be resourced by the Kansas Leadership Center. Dr. Drew G.I.Hart from Messiah College (author of the book Trouble I've Seen) will strengthen our biblical theology of justice in order to create faithful disciples and ethical believers. See more information at Hesston/edu.avds.

JOHN WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER (late 18th c.)

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Raise the Roof in Song

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 the delicious homemade desserts/baked goods!
- Following the hymn sing is a time for food and fellowship, and to wrap up the silent auction!
- Special music by “The Flannelbacks” from North Newton over refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. A wonderful folk/bluegrass band!
- 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.**