

**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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March 18, 2018

62:11

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: "Via Dolorosa" arr. Pethel
"Change My Heart, O God" arr. Hayes
"Create In Me a Clean Heart" arr. Hayes

9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
"Me and You and Covenant New"

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship Back of Bulletin

*Invocation

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

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

Time with the Children Natalie Moreland

Song: "Between Me and You" Screen

Offertory Prayer

"My Coins Count" offering

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory: "Take My Life" arr. Fettke

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

Hymn: "Take my life" HWB 389 (blue)

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12

Sermon: "A Fresh Start" Daniel Klaassen

*Hymn: "We are people of God's peace" HWB 407 (blue)

*Benediction

We are God's people.

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

*Piano Response

*Postlude: "Like a River Glorious" arr. Rice

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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                | Soloist: Vicki Penner                  |
| Associate Pastor:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Nursery Helper: Chantse Boucher        |
| Pianist: Glenna Lowry                      | Greeters: Joe & Nancy Schrag           |
| Worship Leader: Carolyn Voth               | Ushers: Guy Smoker &<br>Nancy Hendrich |

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

**10:45 a.m. - Sunday School classes for all ages.** Check poster in south foyer for class offerings and locations.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 9:00 a.m. - Peppernut baking - Everyone is invited.

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

6:45 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal (Cynthia will be back!)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Sixth Sunday in Lent.

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Mar 25 - Zaka Blocker

Apr 1 - Brooke Slipke

Apr 8 - Kaitlyn Shima

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

Mar 24 - Dave Gingerich(N), Randy Schmidt(O)

Mar 31 - Hershberger (N), Goering (O)

Apr 7 - Shima/Young (N&O)

COMING EVENTS

March 19 - Peppernut baking at church

March 25 - Palm Sunday

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

April 1 - Easter Sunday Breakfast

April 13-14 - Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 22 - Earth Day Sunday "Watershed Discipleship"

April 29 - "Loss of Turtle Island"

May 12 - Church Work Day

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 92**

**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 the Youth and their families** for the lovely breakfast last Sunday!  
**Thanks to Daniel Klaassen** for preaching today!

**MY COINS COUNT** - As of March 11th our coin offering total is \$977.78. We need to collect \$322.22 to reach our goal with 4 Sunday's left. Thanks so much to everyone for helping make this happen!

In order to assist the Education Board in presenting meaningful adult Sunday school options, we are asking **ALL ADULTS to complete a survey about adult Sunday School**, whether you currently attend Sunday School or not. A link to the survey on-line has been sent to the SHMC email list. Or place print survey inserts in Mike Peters' church mailbox.

**Pastors' Whereabouts:** Cynthia and Roger are in Washington DC for Cara's "match" ceremony. Cynthia is going to spend a couple days with her siblings in Ohio while Roger stays in DC, and both plan to return home late on Tuesday. They plan to have their I-70 pastors' gathering this Thursday in Topeka.

**PEPPER NUT BAKING** – Monday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. – Everyone is invited to help cut, bake and package peppernuts to be sold at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. If you can, please bring your favorite peppernut recipe ready to cut and bake. There will be plenty of dough available, so please come and join in the fun! If you have any questions, see Joyce or Judy.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Church Work Day on Saturday, May 12, 8:30-noon.

Please submit articles for the **April newsletter by Monday, March 26.**

**"Rejoice!"** devotional booklets (March, April, May) are available on the foyer table (*donation welcome*).

We have designated June 3 as our Baptism Sunday this year. We have reserved Shelter House #4 at Lake Shawnee for the location of the service, to make immersion baptism an option for baptism candidates. **You don't have to be a young person to request baptism!!** We are always open for ANYONE who has not been baptized to request baptism. In fact, you would stand solidly in the Anabaptist tradition by being baptized as an adult!! Talk to Roger or Cynthia if you would like to discuss the meaning and possibilities of baptism.

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop, April 14 & 21
- HI-CREST NIA March 2018 Newsletter
- “Behind the HAMMER,” Mennonite Disaster Service/Fall 2017
- Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, 2018 Summer Camps (brochures on table)

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

- Evelyn Dillon as she has learned she won't be able to have heart surgery.
- Rachel Schmidt, who has been diagnosed with a tumor in her abdomen.
- Aaron Gragg, who had emergency surgery for a burst appendix.
- Pat Esau's aunt Ruby, who was having a biopsy.

#### **Updates:**

- Aaron Gragg's surgery went well and he is recovering well.

### WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors, as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

**The 2018 Interfaith Film Festival** will be held Sunday, March 25, 2-8 pm at the Topeka and Shawnee County Library's Marvin Auditorium. Details on bulletin b.

**Young adult opportunity to serve with MCC:** Looking for ways to actively engage in issues around justice and equity, with the support of a community? Are you a Spanish speaker? Perhaps the Seed Central America Program is for you! Seed, a global two-year program, is being implemented and led by MCC with young adults between 20 and 30 years of age. The Seed Central America program focuses on the crossroads of place and ecologies of peace -- in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Visit [mcc.org/seed](http://mcc.org/seed) for information or contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org).

**Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk!** Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit [mcc.org/lunch-learn](http://mcc.org/lunch-learn) for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316.283.2720 or [pat-sydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:pat-sydirksen@mcc.org).