

*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 25, 2018

62:12

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: "He who did in Anguish Kneel" Beethoven
"Ivory Palaces" Warriner

9:30 a.m. - WELCOME TO WORSHIP - PALM SUNDAY
"Me and You and an Alternative View"

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

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Musical Response

*Call to Worship Back of Bulletin

*Invocation

*Hymn: "Open now thy gates of beauty" HWB 19 (blue)

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

Time with the Children Karen Burkholder

Song: "Between Me and You" Screen

Offertory Prayer

"My Coins Count" offering

Presenting our Offerings

Offertory: "Were you there" Rasley

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

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn: "Hosanna, loud hosanna" HWB 238 (blue)

Scripture Readings Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (insert); John 12:12-16

Sermon: "What kind of King?" Cynthia

*Hymn: "All glory, laud, and honor" HWB 237 (blue)

*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: "Behold the King" Smith

**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: Chris and Zaka Blocker
Associate Pastor: Cynthia Neufeld Smith	Nursery Helper: Zaka Blocker
Organist: Michelle Shima	Greeters: Joe & Nancy Schrag
Soloist: Vicki Penner	Ushers: Guy Smoker & 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

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Farewell Celebration Planning Committee meeting

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Senior Coffee Fellowship with Cornerstone guests

6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Breakfast. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Easter Sunday. **NOTE STARTING TIME!**

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Apr 1 - Brooke Slipke

Apr 8 - Kaitlyn Shima

Apr 15 - Zoe Burkholder

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

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

Apr 7 - Shima/Young (N&O)

Apr 14 - Funk (N), Voth (O)

COMING EVENTS

April 13-14 - Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 22 - Earth Day Sunday on "Watershed Discipleship"

April 29 - "Loss of Turtle Island"

May 12 - Church Work Day

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance: 52

Visitor: Lynette Sewell

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

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!

This is the **last Sunday to complete the survey about adult Sunday School**. The Education Board is asking **ALL ADULTS to complete a survey**, whether you currently attend Sunday School or not. A link to the survey on-line has been sent to the SHMC email list. You may also complete the print survey insert in this bulletin and place it in Mike Peters' church mailbox.

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

Pastoral Update: Cynthia and Roger have accepted an assignment with Mennonite Mission Network to be Service Adventure unit leaders in Jackson, Mississippi. This is a two-year commitment. Unit leader orientation will take place in Hutchinson July 23-27 and our assignment will begin in early August. Service Adventure is for young adults who have finished high school. Each participant will have a service assignment in the community. We look forward to a new form of ministry as we mentor the SA participants and join in the work of the local Mennonite church – Open Door Mennonite. Please pray for us as we are praying for you in this time of transition.

INFANT KITS - Judy Gingerich has been busy sewing gowns, hats, and receiving blankets for infant kits and many other items have been donated. However, to complete 25 kits we need 9 packages of flat fold diapers (10 per package). If you are interested in purchasing a package of diapers please contact Judy Krehbiel.

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

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

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 (we do not require immersion baptism.) **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

- 2018 Interfaith Film Festival, Sunday, March 25, Marvin Auditorium, TSCPL.
- 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:

- Rachel Schmidt and family with her serious health issues, asking for wisdom for her medical team.
- Evelyn Dillon's continued health concerns and possible surgery.
- Safety for those traveling.
- The new church being established in our neighborhood.

WIDER NEWS AND NOTES

The 2018 Interfaith Film Festival will be held today, March 25, 2-8 pm at the Topeka and Shawnee County Library's Marvin Auditorium. Three films will be shown – "Smoke Signals" (a Native American film), "Little Buddha" (a Buddhist film) and "The Last Keepers" (a Pagan film). Information tables from a dozen Topeka faith traditions will be available.

Beth Yoder will begin as the **new Business Manager for Western District Conference** following the retirement of Phyllis Regier as Business Manager on March 31. Beth previously worked as administrative assistant for an accounting firm in Iowa and as office manager at Amigo Centre in Michigan. She attends Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (Goessel, KS), where her husband Caleb is on the pastoral staff. We look forward to welcoming Beth to the WDC staff!

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." Join this event virtually on any computer or device. Visit 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 patsydirksen@mcc.org.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College, North Newton, will host "Restorative Kansas" on the Bethel campus Thurs.-Fri., April 19-20 – the first-ever **statewide conference on restorative justice** in Kansas. For more information and to register online, go to kipcor.org

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Last month, soon after Deb Byler began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women's leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

PSALM 118

- LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good, God's faithful love lasts forever. Let Israel say it:
- PEOPLE: **"God's faithful love lasts forever!"**
- LEADER: Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord! This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.
- PEOPLE: **I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.**
- LEADER: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!
- PEOPLE: **This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!**
- LEADER: This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!
- PEOPLE: **Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed!**
- LEADER: The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed; we bless all of you from the Lord's house.
- PEOPLE: **The Lord is God, and has shined a light on us!**
- LEADER: So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar.
- PEOPLE: **You are my God—I will give thanks to you! You are my God — I will lift you up high!**
- LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good.
- PEOPLE: **God's faithful love lasts forever.**

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Palm Sunday, March 25 - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem will be acted out with palm branches during the children's time.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. - We will gather to remember the events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus.

- First we will share a **simple meal** together. Please bring, according to the first letter of your last name: A-G sliced cold cut meats, H-M sliced cheese, N-S relishes/veggies, T-Z pieces of fruit. Please bring these items cut and ready to serve. If you can, bring them a few minutes before 6:30 so the fellowship committee has time to organize the food for serving. Bread, drink, and table service will be provided.
- We will share in the **Lord's Supper** around the tables. You do not have to be a member of Southern Hills to participate in the Lord's Supper. All believers are invited to participate.
- Then we will walk through the last events of Jesus' life leading up to his crucifixion, with readings and pictures.

The Maundy Thursday service is not designed for young children. Child care will be provided at the church if you notify us that you need it – please contact the church office by Monday if you do.

Easter Sunday, April 1

Fellowship breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Please bring, according to the first letter of your last name: A-M cut fruit, N-Z baked goods. If you can, please bring these items a few minutes before 9:30 so the fellowship committee has time to organize the food for serving.

Worship service, 10:30 a.m. - We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Please bring flowers to decorate the sanctuary. If you wish to bring flowers in honor or memory of someone, please sign the sheet on the office door or call or email the church office with your name and the name of the person you are honoring, so that can be printed in the bulletin. You may take your flowers home with you after the service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

In order to assist the Education Board in presenting meaningful adult Sunday school options, we are asking ALL ADULTS to please answer the following questions, whether you currently attend Sunday School or not.

Please check which best describes your Adult Sunday School attendance:

- I attend a scheduled Adult Sunday School class.
- I usually meet with others in the fellowship hall for informal discussions.
- I leave the Church premises with others for discussion or social time somewhere else.

Please check which, if any, class or classes you have attended in this semester?

- Quarterly class
- Women's class
- What do you Think discussion

Did you attend the Advent special series before Christmas?

- Yes No

If you have attended other classes in the past, what were they?

If you attended one of the classes listed, what could be improved about that class?

If you attended Sunday school adult classes in the past but do not now, what caused you to stop attending a class?

What additional or different Sunday school adult options would you like to see implemented?

If you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this survey, please feel free to contact Mike Peters.