

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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62:17

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: "Morning Has Broken" Langlois
 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Burkhardt
 "How Great Thou Art" Hobby
 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" Cherwien

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome
 Introduction of Guests (*Please fill out the welcome pads.*)
 Announcements
 *Passing the Peace
 *Musical Response

*Call to Worship Back of Bulletin
 *Invocation
 *Hymn: "This is my Father's world" HWB 154 (blue)

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God" Screen
 Time with the Children Karin Kaufman Wall
 Song: "And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree" Screen

Offertory Prayer
 Presenting our Offerings
 (*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Offertory: "This is My Father's World" Carter

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Micah 4:1-4
 Meditation Karin Kaufman Wall

*Hymn: "Beyond a dying sun" HWB 323 (blue)

*Benediction
 *Organ Response
 *Postlude: "All Creatures of our God and King" Proulx

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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, Worship Leader:<br>Roger Neufeld Smith       | Readers: Sue Ann Funk &<br>Zoe Burkholder |
| Associate Pastor, Organist:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Nursery Helper: Fayth Boucher             |
| Kathy Rich: Autoharp                                 | Greeters: Stan & Donna Voth               |
|                                                      | Ushers: Steve & Glenna Lowry              |

9:30 a.m. - Worship –Karin Kaufman Wall of Mennonite Central Committee will share with us about the Doctrine of Discovery and land ownership.  
 10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation at the Holy Grounds Café.  
 10:45 a.m. – Adults and high school youth are invited to participate in a simulation experience called "Loss of Turtle Island," led by Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall. Younger children will go to their regular Sunday School classes.  
 Noon – Lunch – Everyone is invited!

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Nehemiah Action Assembly, Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 3601 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St. Come early to find a place to park!  
 Wednesday, **6:30** p.m. – Adult choir rehearsal  
 Thursday, 9-11:00 a.m. – Senior Coffee Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship – Cynthia will preach.  
 10:15 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation at the Holy Grounds Café.  
 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School classes for all ages. Check the poster in south foyer for class offerings and locations.

NURSERY SCHEDULE: CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):  
 May 6 – Anna Goering May 5 – Seals/Schwanke (N), Yoder (0)  
 May 13 – Chantse Boucher May 12 – D. Burkholder (N), Bartel (0)  
 May 20 – Zaka Blocker May 19 – Gingerich (N), Kilmer (0)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 94** **Visitors:** Jesse, Savannah & Jack Waller

COMING EVENTS

May 12 – Church Work Day  
 June 1-2 – Bible School  
 June 3 – Baptism Sunday  
 June 17 – Farewell Celebration for Cynthia and Roger

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

-graduation announcement from Jevin Yoder  
 - Kate Cherveney and Zach Shima among area students featured in art exhibit  
 - Topeka JUMP Nehemiah Action Assembly flyers  
 - Mennonite Disaster Service UPDATE and REPORT

***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

**Today we welcome Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall of Mennonite Central Committee** for the Sunday morning service and simulation, "**Loss of Turtle Island**," a powerful exercise that other churches have found "eye-opening," "moving," and "profound." The worship service will be shortened for more time for the "Loss of Turtle Island" experience in the Fellowship Hall, **open to all high school age and older**. Children will have regular Sunday School. Everyone is invited to stay afterwards for a **simple lunch of foods native to the Americas**--sweet potatoes, corn, beans, and squash. Come for a unique learning experience.

**Topeka JUMP NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSMBLY TOMORROW NIGHT, 7:00 p.m. at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 3601 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St. Everyone is welcome. You don't need a ticket to attend. Invite your family and friends.** See the bulletin insert for the questions that will be asked of four of our city officials in support of safe and affordable housing and transportation for low income workers. There will also be updates on our mental health and predatory lending campaigns, good music and the excitement of 1,000 people gathered to do justice!

For those interested in **mowing the church property** this year, there is a **signup sheet on the bulletin board**. Like last year, we have openings every two weeks for someone from the church to mow. The date on the signup sheet is the date that you need to have the property mowed. There is no yard trimming required, only mowing. You can talk to Jerry Yoder if you have any questions.

On May 4, Rachel Goossen will travel to El Paso, TX, and can take along **donations for Annunciation House**, the hospitality shelter near the U.S./Mexico border where Elsa Goossen serves as a year-long volunteer. Most needed are toiletries: toothbrushes, travel-size toothpaste, small soap bars, and shampoo, as well as gently-used clothing for infants and children. Feel free to leave items in the bin labeled "For Elsa--El Paso" in the main foyer below the coat-rack, or contact Rachel (email: [rachelwg@aol.com](mailto:rachelwg@aol.com)).

**June 3 will be Baptism Sunday**. We will meet at Shelter House #4 at Lake Shawnee for the service. **You don't have to be a young person to request baptism!!** Talk to Roger or Cynthia if you would like to discuss the meaning and possibilities of baptism.

**Thanks** to everyone who contributed to the **college care package boxes** for our college students, and especially **Lila Bartel** for organizing them!

**Please sign up to help with coffee clean-up after Sunday School.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office door.

Hello SHMC! I am looking for a **full-time nanny/babysitting job this summer** in the Topeka area. I would love to work with a family from our church, or with a family that any of you might know outside of church that needs a summer sitter! I am CPR and first aid certified and have reliable transportation for up to four children. My availability starts in late May and ends mid-August. If anyone knows a family that is looking for a sitter, I would be so appreciative if you would pass my name and contact information along! 785-580-7757 (call or text) [katecherveny@yahoo.com](mailto:katecherveny@yahoo.com) Thanks so much.  
**- Kate Cherveny**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Last Sunday we gave thanks for:**

- Helen and Gerald Miller's new **great** grandchild.
- great performances by the Highland Park High School music department, with help from Rosalyn Robinson, their faithful accompanist.
- Tracey Funk being awarded the prestigious Udall Undergraduate Scholarship for her work in environmental education and outreach.
- the work of Mennonite Creation Care and our contact person, Kerry Wedel.
- a good health report for Sherrell Conklin.

**We prayed for:**

- Rachel Schmidt and family with her serious health situation.
- Elvera Dirks, a former member who has begun receiving hospice care.
- Rachel Goossen's future trip to visit daughter Elsa at Annunciation House in El Paso, TX. Elsa works with immigrants who seek refuge at the house.
- our sister congregation, Monte Horeb Mennonite Church in Dallas, TX.
- people suffering from wildfires in Oklahoma.
- congressional representatives to vote against cuts to the food stamp program.
- Brian Strahm's co-worker, who injured himself in an accident at work.

**Busy spring at I Care:** Several coming events will benefit I Care and could use your help.

**1. Stamp Out Hunger** will take place on Saturday, May 12. Postal customers may leave non-perishable food in or beside their mailboxes, to be collected that day by postal workers and distributed to local food pantries by Harvesters. I Care benefits greatly from this event. If you are free to help, talk to Lavina Wall.

**2.** I Care will participate in **Topeka Gives**, which will take place on Tuesday, June 5, at Fairlawn Plaza. Donations given on that day, in person at Fairlawn Mall, will receive matching funds from the Topeka Community Foundation.

**3.** The I Care **Garage and Bake Sale** is coming up! It will be June 7-9 at SHMC. Donations will be accepted June 3 (p.m.), 4-5 (all day). Donate new or gently used things – but NOT computer equipment, monitors, or TVs. Lunch will be available to purchase during the sale. Donate, shop, and volunteer as you can! We would appreciate your help. Talk to Lavina, Janet, Rosalyn, or Annette with questions or to volunteer. **Proceeds from your donations go to I Care to help provide emergency food assistance.** See newsletter article for more complete information.