

**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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May 6, 2018

62:18

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: "Ode to Joy" Beethoven/Wilson
"Shepherd of Love" Peterson
"Morning Has Broken" arr. Wilson

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 Inglis

**RESPONSE: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise!**

*Invocation
*Hymn: "For the beauty of the earth" HWB 89 (blue)

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God" Screen
Time with the Children Natalie Moreland
Hymn: "Let the whole creation cry" HWB 51 (blue)

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

Offertory: "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Wilson
Choir: "A Covenant Prayer" Forrest

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading John 12:1-8
Sermon: "An Extravagant, Beautiful Gesture" Cynthia
*Hymn: "Take my life" HWB 389 (blue)
(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

*Benediction
*Organ Response
*Postlude: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" Walther

**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 Associate Pastor: Cynthia Neufeld Smith Organist: Kathy Rich	Readers: Karen Burkholder & Kaitlyn Shima Nursery Helper: Anna Goering Greeters: Larry & Janet Dixon Ushers: Kerry & Terrie Wedel
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9:30 a.m. - Worship – Cynthia will preach.

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

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

Noon – Jump Team meeting

5-7:00 p.m. – Visitation Time with Rachel Schmidt's family – everyone is welcome!

THIS WEEK

Monday, 11:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Rachel Schmidt

7:00 p.m. – Diaconate meeting

Wednesday – NO Adult Choir Rehearsal this week

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – Church Work Day

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship – Julia Ronnebaum 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 13 – Chantse Boucher	May 12 – D. Burkholder (N), Bartel (O)
May 20 – Zaka Blocker	May 19 – Gingerich (N), Kilmer (O)
May 27 – Brooke Slipke	May 26 – Hershberger (N), Goering (O)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance: 77 **Visitors:** Jesse, Savannah & Jack Waller; Erica Littlewolf; Karin Kaufman Wall

COMING EVENTS

May 20 – Graduate Recognition and Teacher Appreciation

May 27 – Memorial Sunday

June 1-2 – Bible School

June 3 – Baptism Sunday at Lake Shawnee

June 17 – Farewell Celebration for Cynthia and Roger

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

Special thanks to **Raylene** for organizing and all those who contributed to a delicious **lunch** last Sunday after our "Loss of Turtle Island" simulation!

Thanks to **Joyce Funk** for sharing her quilted wall hanging and **Mike Peters** for his wood vase at the front of the sanctuary today.

Rachel Schmidt, a faithful member of Southern Hills Mennonite Church for many years, died on Friday, April 27 after being hospitalized since the beginning of March with cancer.

- Everyone is invited to a time of **visitation with Rachel's family THIS AFTERNOON from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall.
- The **memorial service** for Rachel will be held TOMORROW, **Monday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.** here at Southern Hills. A light lunch will be served after the service.
- The Fellowship Committee would appreciate **help with setting up tables** and chairs TODAY AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL. They could also use help cleaning up after the lunch tomorrow.

Long-time SHMC member **Elvera Dirks** died on Friday, April 27, at Comfort Care Home in Newton, KS. A memorial service for Elvera will be held this **Tuesday, May 8, 11:00 a.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Visitation will be Monday night, May 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Shalom Mennonite. Elvera and husband DeWayne moved from Topeka to Newton just over a year ago. Elvera suffered with Alzheimer's disease.

PASTORS' WHEREABOUTS: Cynthia and Roger will go to Washington DC for Cara's graduation, leaving on Wednesday and returning on Sunday. They plan to be back in the office the following Monday.

The Topeka JUMP NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSMBLY went very well last Monday, with 900 people in attendance and all four public officials agreeing to work with JUMP proposals for affordable housing and transportation. We will have a more complete report in the June newsletter.

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.

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.

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.

You are invited to attend the **MCC Sale Annual Meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 6:30, at Tabor Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$15/person and you pay at the door. Please RSVP to our MCC Liaison, Roger & Judy Krehbiel, Virg & Joyce Funk, by May 23.

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) katecher-veny@yahoo.com Thanks so much.
- Kate Cherveney

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Last Sunday we prayed for:

- Randy Schmidt and the families of Rachel and Randy after Rachel's death.
- DeWayne Dirks and his family after Elvera's death on Friday.

We gave thanks for:

- the work of Mennonite Central Committee, especially their efforts to educate congregations about the Doctrine of Discovery.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Today, "Sent 2018" is concluding a three-day conference in Chicago where church planters worshiped and learned about resources for birthing missional congregations in the peace church tradition. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they implement what they learned in their communities.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Obituary for Rachel Schmidt
- Obituary for Elvera Dirks
- graduation announcement from Jevin Yoder
- Tracey Funk wins Udall Scholarship
- Graduation Open House includes Cooper and Janson Garman, May 19
- Mennonite Disaster Service UPDATE and REPORT

THE SHMC COMMUNITY TOGETHER:

THIRTY YEARS OF MEMORIES IN THIRTY MINUTES!

Help us celebrate together thirty years of picture memories with our pastors Roger and Cynthia as a Southern Hills community! Kerry Wedel has agreed to organize a PowerPoint presentation we can all enjoy during the Sunday School hour on June 17, our day of celebration with Roger and Cynthia.

Here is how you can help:

1. Find 2-3 of your very best pictures from the past 30 years at Southern Hills. These can be pictures including Roger and/or Cynthia or just favorite shots of a group or an event together during Roger's and Cynthia's tenure here. BE SELECTIVE! Choose only your best. Kerry will group them and use as many of the pictures as he can, depending on how many he receives.
2. Scan your photos to a .jpeg file so that they can be sent to Kerry digitally at this email address: wed3004@hotmail.com. The subject heading for your email should read: **Pictures for Roger and Cynthia** so Kerry can find them easily in his mailbox. You can bring photos to the church office to be scanned if you need to. Send the photos **with a caption that includes the date taken**, like "Kids at Jack and Liz Unruh's Wiener Roast, 1995." Include your name if you want your picture returned to you.
3. **DEADLINE: June 1, 2018!** We want to use the month of May to find, scan and send photos to Kerry. Then he can use the time before the event in June to organize, follow up where necessary, and put together the PowerPoint production for final adjustments before the event.
4. This will only work if we all help. Get out those scrapbooks. Take another look. We need your help.

From the Celebration Committee: Lyle B., Diana H., Vicki P., Rachel G., and Raylene HP.

**FAREWELL CELEBRATION
FOR CYNTHIA AND ROGER
SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

Please mark your calendars for our congregation's celebration of Cynthia and Roger's long and significant ministry in our congregation and community, planned for Sunday, June 17.

- We will begin with a special worship service at 9:30 a.m.
- A combined youth/adult Sunday School presentation of photos and reminiscing will follow at 11:00 a.m.
- and a potluck dinner (with commemorative cake) in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon.
- Following the meal, at 1:00 p.m. we will host a program featuring representatives of community-wide and Western District Conference ministries that have been part of the lifework of our pastors.

Everyone is welcome to attend all events. We are grateful to Kerry Wedel for developing the photo presentation and to artists Phil Hershberger, creator of an interactive timeline of Roger and Cynthia's tenure that will be on display in the Fellowship Hall, and Lila Bartel, who will be designing a farewell guest book for everyone to sign.

Former attendees and friends from a distance, as well as anyone unable to join us on June 17, are encouraged to send letters or notes for inclusion in this handmade book to: SHMC, P.O. Box 5067, Topeka, KS 66605, Attn.: Lila Bartel.

Farewell Celebration Committee

A Busy Spring at I Care

Several coming events will benefit I Care and could use your help.

1. Stamp Out Hunger will take place THIS 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 the email sent earlier this week or the article posted on the bulletin board for more complete information.

Graduate Recognition

Our worship service on May 20 we will recognize the hard work and achievements of our high school graduates. Since college and university graduations occur at many different times through the months of May and June, we will simply try to honor our college and graduate school graduates on a Sunday when they can attend.

We list them all below. Please let us know if we missed someone.

High School

Cooper Garman - Seaman High School

Janson Garman - Seaman High School

Joey Minder - Lawrence High School

College Undergraduates

Genevieve Akins - St. Olaf College, Political Science, Women's and Gender Studies

Brenner Burkholder - Goshen College, Environmental Science

Tyler Shima - Bethel College, Biology and Chemistry

Graduate Students

Blake Johnson - University of Michigan, Ph.D. in Space Sciences

Trey Ronnebaum - Kansas University, Ph.D. in Chemistry

Cara Smith - Howard University School of Medicine, MD in Family Medicine

Jevin Yoder - Kansas State University, Master of Interior Architecture and Product Design