

**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 27, 2018

62:21

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: "There is a Balm in Gilead" Powell
"Abide with Me" Petersen
"Deep River" Held
"Shall We Gather at the River" Hobby

9:30 a.m. - WORSHIP SERVICE - MEMORIAL SUNDAY

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

*Call to Worship HWB 819 (Psalm 90)
*Invocation
*Hymn: "Give thanks for life" STJ 108 (green)

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God" Screen
Time with the Children Judy Krehbiel
Hymn: "In the bulb there is a flower" HWB 614 (blue)

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

Offertory: "There is a Balm in Gilead" Clemens
Hymn: "Children of the heavenly Father" HWB 616 (blue)

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 78:1-7; Hebrews 12:1-2
Sermon: "A Legacy for Generations to Come" Roger
*Hymn: "Awake, my soul" HWB 609 (blue)

*Benediction

RESPONSE: Thanks be to God!

*Organ Response
*Postlude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Cherwien

**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: Roger Neufeld Smith	Reader: Roger Krehbiel
Associate Pastor, Organist: Cynthia Neufeld Smith	Nursery Helper: Brooke Slipke
Worship Leader: Miriam Krehbiel	Greeters: Larry & Janet Dixon
	Ushers: Kerry & Terrie Wedel

9:30 a.m. - Worship – Memorial Sunday. Roger will preach.

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

NO Sunday School classes today. Summer Sunday School begins June 24.

THIS WEEK

Monday – Office closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 29, 7 p.m. – Bible School staff meeting
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal
Thursday, 9-11:00 a.m. – Senior Coffee Fellowship at Cornerstone Church
Friday p.m. and Saturday – Bible School

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. - Baptism Sunday at Lake Shawnee, followed by a potluck meal.
See the insert in this bulletin for details.

NURSERY SCHEDULE:	CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):
June 3 – Rhys Blocker	June 2 – Shima/Young (N&O)
June 10 – Zoe Burkholder	June 9 – Funk (N), Schmidt (O)
June 17 – Rhys Blocker	June 16 – Hershberger Group (N&O)

COMING EVENTS

June 17 – Farewell Celebration for Cynthia and Roger
June 22-24 – Youth group trip to Heifer International, Little Rock, AR
July 15 – Last Sunday at Southern Hills for Roger and Cynthia
July 27-20 – Western District Conference sessions

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance: 85 **Visitors:** Marcy Anderson, Mya Kramer

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

The SHMC office will be closed tomorrow for the Memorial Day holiday.

Please submit articles for the **June newsletter by Monday, May 28**, to Guy Smoker at shmcnl@gmail.com.

The Cornerstone Church seniors have invited SHMC seniors for a "Fifth Thursday" **gathering this Thursday**, May 31, at 9:00 a.m. at the church (7620 SW 21st St.)

Remember I Care events in the next couple of weeks.

- 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.
- The I Care Garage and Bake Sale will take place in Fellowship Hall, June 7 and 8 (between 8 am and 6 pm), and 9 (from 8 am-12 noon). Your donations are welcome; bring them to church on Sunday, June 3, (from 3-5 pm), and Monday-Wednesday, (from 8:30 am-6 pm). **Please do not bring computer equipment, monitors, or TVs.**

Come to Topeka Gives "fun day of giving" June 5, Fairlawn Plaza Mall, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit the many SHMC-related ministry tables, including Topeka Common Ground, I-CARE, Topeka JUMP, Topeka Rescue Mission, Topeka Center for Peace and Justice, Interfaith of Topeka, Doorstep, Cornerstone and Meals on Wheels. Find out how you can experience the "joy of giving" and make a donation to your favorite Topeka non-profits. The Topeka Community Foundation makes a proportional match for each donation.

Contact Tim & Carolyn Voth using their cell phone numbers. Tim's number is 785-230-9143, Carolyn's is 785-230-1477. They no longer have a land line.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Brenner Burkholder to compete in NAIA national marathon
- Mennonite Mission Network, May 2018 – describes **Service Adventure**, the program Roger & Cynthia will be working with in Jackson, MS
- Thank You poster from Elsa Goossen
- Mennonite Disaster Service UPDATE (May 23) and REPORT
- MESSENGER, South Central Conference newsletter
- Topeka Rescue Mission May 2018 Report
- Bob Adams debuts art in downtown Topeka's Classic Bean

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Last Sunday we prayed for:

- the families of shooting victims in Santa Fe, Texas.
- our graduates from various schools and colleges.
- the family of Steve Lowry's brother-in-law, Lloyd Martin. Lloyd died after a long illness.
- Sara and Jeremy Rohr and their family as Jeremy struggles with depression.
- Cara Smith and friends as they travel in southeast Asia.

We gave thanks for:

- Sara Rohr's cousin, Monica Voth (a former attendee of Southern Hills) who is getting married in France.
- Dale and Karen Burkholder's anniversary celebration.
- our Sunday School teachers and Christian Education workers.
- all teacher and school administrators who work hard to educate students.
- our graduates as they work to build God's kingdom.

WE REMEMBER THESE LOVED ONES WE LOST DURING THE PAST YEAR:

- ❖ Ruby Schrag Unruh and Joe Schrag's brother, Dr. Lester D. Schrag, died October 27, 2017.
- ❖ Nancy Schrag's cousin's husband, Ray Graves, died November 21, 2017.
- ❖ Nancy Hendrich's former husband, Stan Hendrich, died January 1, 2018.
- ❖ Nancy Hendrich's adopted son, Darrell Scott, died January 6, 2018.
- ❖ Guy Smoker's brother, Rusty Smoker, died January 23, 2018.
- ❖ Nancy Hendrich's aunt, Rose Florence, died February 16, 2018.
- ❖ Suzette Wedel's aunt, Ruth Kaufman, died April 18, 2018.
- ❖ DeWayne Dirks' wife, Elvera Dirks, died April 27, 2018.
- ❖ Randy Schmidt's wife, Rachel Schmidt, died April 27, 2018.
- ❖ Suzette Wedel's cousin, Jim Goering, died May 6, 2018
- ❖ Steve Lowry's brother-in-law, Lloyd Martin, died May 19, 2018.

BAPTISM SUNDAY at Lake Shawnee

June 3, 2018

Sunday, June 3, will be an important day in the life of our congregation. We have received letters requesting baptism from four people.

Chantse Boucher	Fayth Boucher
Zoe Burkholder	Kaitlyn Shima
Cayden Young	

Four of these candidates have requested baptism by immersion and one by pouring. To make it possible for everyone to witness these baptisms, **we will hold our June 3 morning worship service in Shelterhouse #4 at Lake Shawnee**, near the Topeka Rowing Association House on Tinman Circle. Note the following:

- The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. rather than our usual 9:30 starting time.
- There will be no Sunday School on June 3.
- **We will have a potluck picnic lunch at the shelter house after the service.**

Things to bring for this event

- Food to share for lunch
- Lawn chairs or blankets to sit on
- Umbrellas for sun or rain, as needed.

Logistics for this service

- Please arrive a few minutes before 10:00 and park in the parking lots for Shelterhouse #4 or nearby on the side of the road.
- People can leave their food in their cars before the service (in your own ice chest, if necessary), then bring it to the shelterhouse after the baptism service.
- We will begin the service in the shelterhouse, then move to the lakeshore north of the Rowing Association house for the baptism service. You can bring your lawn chairs or blankets to the lakeshore, or simply stand to observe the baptisms.
- We will have a public address system in the shelter house, so everyone should be able to hear the service.
- If you let us know ahead of time, we will make provisions for people who may have difficulty walking from the shelterhouse to the lakeshore.
- If wind, rain and/or cold make things too uncomfortable in the shelter house, we will have lunch and most parts of the service back at our church building.

We trust this will be a very meaningful service for everyone. If you have questions or concerns, talk to Roger or Cynthia.

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.