



**SOUTHERN HILLS
MENNONITE CHURCH**
Topeka, Kansas



Whoever you are, wherever you come from, the Southern Hills congregation welcomes you into our Jesus-centered community regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, education, physical ability, or other difference.

Sunday, September 3, 2023

SOUTHERN HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH
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September 3, 2023

67:36

PRELUDE

Let us Break Bread Together

arr. Hayes

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

Announcements

*Call to Worship¹

*Invocation²

*Hymn

Summoned By the God Who Made Us
(vs 1, 4, 5)

VT #1

Scripture Reading

I Peter 2:1-5

Children's Time

Debbie Towns

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery.)

Sermon

The Rock: A Call

Sharing and Prayer

moments of gratitude and concern

*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

VT #545

Offering Prayer

VT #1020

Offering

Offertory

This is Where the Candle Glows

arr. Koch

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

As You Go Out From Here

VT #841

**Please stand as you are able.*

VT = Voices Together (purple)

Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

¹ Adapted from Christine Longhurst

² Adapted from the Church of Scotland

Pastor: Gabriel Pennington
Worship Leader: Phil Esau
Pianist: Marla Wiens

Music Coordinator: Carolyn Voth
Greeters: Dale & Karen Burkholder
Usher: Randy Schmidt

LAST WEEK

Offering: \$1,650.00

Attendance: 63 in person, 14 online views

Visitor: Amy Kramer

TODAY

9:30 am - Worship Service

10:45 am - Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Sept 4 - Labor Day, church office closed

Sept 4, 5:30 pm - Trustee mtg, Zoom

COMING UP

Sept 12, 7:00 pm - Council mtg, Zoom

Sept 13, 8:00 pm - Women's Bible Study, Zoom

Sept 24 - Camp Mennoscah Fundraiser Meal, FH

Oct 8 - Hymn Sing, Lake Shawnee

CLEANING

Sept 9 - Randy Schmidt

Sept 16 - Jim Kilmer

Sept 23 - Youngs

Contributions can be mailed to: SHMC, Box 5067, Topeka, KS 66605

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **rose in front of the sanctuary is in honor of Arthur Theodore Rodenberg** who was born to Abram and Emily Rodenberg on Tuesday, August 29.

Outreach Ministries Board is grateful for the Loaves and Fishes offerings for I Care and the Rescue Mission during the past three weeks. These gifts have been delivered.

Our **thanks to everyone who donated food to I Care** during the Loaves and Fish event last Sunday. As we see an increased number of households coming for food, it is a challenge to keep the shelves full. Thanks for your help!

For many years **Gerald Miller was the official/unofficial photographer of Southern Hills**, taking pictures of families, gatherings and classes. Recently his family passed along a box of Gerald's copies of the photos. This Sunday, and next, the pictures will be spread out on tables in the fellowship hall. If you see photos that you would like, please take them. Any photos left after a couple of weeks will be donated to the Southern Hills archive. Even if you don't want any photos, **please walk by the tables and enjoy a walk in Southern Hills' past**. If you have any questions, ask Sue Ann.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

- Kansas Reflector article on Barry Sanders and Dale Burkholder
- Camp Mennoscah Summer Volunteer Acknowledgment
- Mennonite Education Agency Newsletter
- UPDATED: Camp Mennoscah Women's & Girl's Retreat brochure, Sept 9-10 (request registration form from the church office)
- Supportive Communities Network letter and certificate
- MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, Sept 15-16
- Camp Mennoscah 2023 schedule

JOYS & CONCERNS 8/27/2023

1. Pastor Gabe shared that there was a shooting at a high school football game in Oklahoma this past weekend. Multiple people were injured and one teenager died. This tragedy took place in Pastor Gabe's hometown. We pray for all those affected. Lord, have mercy on us.
2. Kay S. shared that on August 17th Cadence Kay was born to Michael and Aimee. She weighed in at 6 lbs 15.5 oz and 20.5 inches long.
3. Natalie M. shared that she had a great first week of classes. Her cousin Mariah had a baby on Friday. His name is Kraven Thomas.
4. Sherrell C. shared that she has a doctor's appointment on August 30. Then on September 1, she has another doctor's appointment to check for cancer.
5. Cynthia N. is grateful for a safe trip across the country with Roger and Cara. Cara was offered the job she was hoping for and starts mid-November.
6. Virg F. shared that Marvin F. on August 4 he was sent to Stormont Vail by ambulance. After a few days there, he is now in rehab at Aldersgate. He is hoping to come back to Brewster this week.
7. Elvera J. shared an update on Heidi and Brian. Brian has completed his internship and they are now moving to Massachusetts where Brian has a job lined up at the Veterans Affairs hospital. Heidi will continue with the same job working with Wisconsin Anti Violence Effort. She asked for prayers for the move and adjusting to a new situation.
8. Wayne S. thanks the volunteers who went on the Mennonite Disaster Service trip. He also gives credit to Kerry W., Bruce W, Dale B., Stan V., and Roger K. for the fish that we will be eating today.