

**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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June 3, 2018

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Prelude: "Simple Gifts" arr. Higgins
Fayth Boucher, flute; Kaitlyn Shima, cello

10:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE – BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

Call to Worship (Harader)

LEADER: God of wind and fire,
PEOPLE: When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.
LEADER: God of mighty oceans and still waters,
PEOPLE: When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.
LEADER: God of bread and wine,
PEOPLE: When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.
LEADER: So pour out your Spirit,
PEOPLE: Let sacred waters flow,
LEADER: Fill us with holy food.
**PEOPLE: Our hearts and hands are open wide
to receive your gifts.**

Invocation
Hymn: "In the bulb there is a flower"

Invitation to the Children: "Praise God, Praise God"
Time with the Children Karen Burkholder
Bible School songs

Scripture Reading
Hymn: "As I Went Down to the River to Pray"

Sharing and Prayer

Offertory Prayer
Presenting our Offerings
Offertory: "Humoresque" Dvorak
Zoe Burkholder, violin

Introduction to Baptism Service Roger
Introduction of Baptismal Candidates Sponsors/Mentors
Sharing Candidates
Diaconate Response
Congregational Responses
Remarks about Baptism Roger
Baptism Vows Pastors and Candidates
Congregational Covenant:

**As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church,
we make this covenant with you
and we renew our own covenant with God:
to bear each others' burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven us,
to support each other in joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus making known Christ's presence among us
to the glory of God.
As we unite with each other,
may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.**

Choir: "Take Me to the Water" Dilworth
(Move to the lake shore.)

Baptism
Right Hand of Fellowship Diaconate
Hymn of Praise: "Praise God from whom"
Benediction

Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith Associate Pastor, Worship Leader: Cynthia Neufeld Smith Pianist: Rosalyn Robinson VBS Song Leader: Nicole Brokar	Choir Accompanist: Marla Wiens Nursery Helper: Rhys Blocker Greeters: Virg & Joyce Funk Ushers: Jerry & Jené Yoder
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THIS WEEK
GARAGE SALE SET UP AND SALE ALL WEEK.
Monday, 10:00 a.m. – Christian Education Board meeting
- 5:30 p.m. – Trustees meeting
NO Adult Choir rehearsal or Senior Coffee Fellowship this week.

NEXT SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. - Worship – Miriam Krehbiel, Guy Smoker and Steve Lowry will
share testimonies of how God has been active in their lives and in the world.
10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation at the Holy Grounds Café.
NO Sunday School classes. Summer Sunday School begins June 24.

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 with joy we baptize **Chantse Boucher, Fayth Boucher, Zoe Burkholder, Kaitlyn Shima, and Cayden Young**, and welcome them as members of Southern Hills Mennonite Church. May God bless these young people as they make this confession of faith and commitment to God and the church.

REMEMBERING THE LOVED ONES WE LOST DURING THE PAST YEAR: in addition to those listed last week, we should have also mentioned **Robert Balzer**, died 7/24/17, **Rosanne Siemens**, died 10/21/17, and **Erna Nichol**, died 11/13/17.

Pastor's Whereabouts: Cynthia and Roger will be gone this week to move Cara from Washington, DC to Lawrence, Massachusetts for her residency program. They plan to return on Friday.

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.**

You are invited to a reception to celebrate **Janet and Larry's 50th wedding anniversary – June 15th**, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Southern Hills. Hosts are our daughters, Susan and Kara, with assistance from our small group. **No gifts please!** Your presence will be a gift to us.

Ed Board is working on the inter-generational summer Sunday School programs. The theme is "Serve the Lord with gladness" and Sunday School participants will be mixed into inter-generational groups for activities under the following themes:

- June 24: Serve the Lord with gladness: creation care
- July 1: Serve the Lord with gladness: those in need
- July 8: Serve the Lord with gladness: God's creatures great and small
- July 15: Serve the Lord with gladness: recycling and re-purposing
- July 22: Serve the Lord with gladness: God's creatures great and small (Session 2)
- July 29: Serve the Lord with gladness: your neighbors

Summer sessions will be active and fun. Look forward to participating in groups composed of all ages.

NURSERY SCHEDULE:
June 10 – Zoe Burkholder
June 17 – Rhys Blocker
June 24 – Gretchen Morelington

CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):
June 9 – Funk (N), Schmidt (0)
June 16 – Hershberger Group (N&0)
June 23 – Burkholder/Oesch (N), Voth (0)

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: 71 **Visitors:** Myles Schrag, Lynette Sewell

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
- Bob Adams debuts art in downtown Topeka's Classic Bean
- Thank you letter from Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service for church donation

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Last Sunday we prayed for:

- children at the Topeka Rescue Mission who have experienced unbelievable trauma in their lives.
 - those suffering from misguided immigration policies in our country.
 - a friend of Phil and Pat Esau who is struggling with cancer.
 - the family of Steve Lowry's brother-in-law, Lloyd Martin. Lloyd died after a long illness.
 - Cara Smith and friends as they travel in southeast Asia.
 - Virg and Joyce Funk as they have sold their property and are making plans to move to Brewster Place Retirement Center.
- #### **We gave thanks for:**
- Myles Schrag, who grew up at Southern Hills and shared memories of his time here at the church.
 - the life of Joleen Schrag and the care she received from family and church.
 - graduation ceremonies for two grandchildren of Gerald and Helen Miller. One grandchild is going into the Peace Corp.
 - numerous anniversary celebrations coming in the next month
 - Virg and Joyce Funk (60th anniversary)
 - Phil and Pat Esau (54th anniversary)
 - Roger and Judy Krehbiel (53rd anniversary)
 - Janet and Larry Dixon (50th anniversary)
 - Maggie Goble's purchase of a new home in Kansas City.

**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.
- A potluck dinner (with commemorative cake) will be shared 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.