

**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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Prelude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Zundel/McMichael  
"Praise to the Lord" Arr. McMichael  
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Haydn /McMichael

**9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE –  
FAREWELL SERVICE FOR CYNTHIA AND ROGER**

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

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 90, Lamentations 3)  
LEADER: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
**PEOPLE: Before the mountains were born or you formed the earth  
and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**  
LEADER: You, O Lord, have been with this congregation for over sixty  
years.  
**PEOPLE: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength.**  
LEADER: Your steadfast love never ends and your mercies never fail.  
**PEOPLE: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**  
LEADER: Today we look back to see how you have led us,  
**PEOPLE: And look forward to the possibilities that lie ahead.**  
LEADER: We honor those who have gone before us,  
**PEOPLE: And celebrate who we are today.**  
LEADER: We gather to worship you,  
**PEOPLE: the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.**

\*Invocation  
Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" HWB 86 (blue)  
(*Congregation sings stanza 1 and 3 in unison.*)

Invitation to the Children: "Gather 'Round" Screen  
*Gather 'round, one and all; join the circle, it is growing.*  
*Gather 'round, one and all, even if your spots are showing.*  
*Gathered in by a God who's all-loving and all-knowing.*  
*Come on down, join the song, gather 'round.*

Time with the Children Doug Shima  
Song: "God's Family" Screen

Offertory Prayer STJ 148 (green)

Presenting our Offerings  
(*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)  
Offertory: "Sonata for Bassoon and Piano: 1<sup>st</sup> movement" Hindemith

Sharing and Prayer  
Song: "You are salt for the earth" HWB 226 (blue)

Scripture Reading Psalm 100  
Meditation Cynthia  
Scripture Reading Colossians 1:28-29  
Meditation Roger  
\*Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory" HWB 366 (blue)

Choir: "Blessing in the Leaving" LaBarr/Richardson  
(*see text elsewhere in the bulletin*)  
\*Benediction STJ 158 (green)

\*Organ Response  
\*Postlude: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Bach

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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: Roger Neufeld Smith                | Strings: Zoe Burkholder, Kate                                    |
| Associate Pastor:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Cherveny, Donna Mealy, Zach<br>Shima, Carolyn Voth               |
| Worship Leader: Vicki Penner               | Brass: Tracey Funk, Jarod Waltner,<br>Matt Goering, Nick Hawkins |
| Organist: Michelle Shima                   | Tin whistle: Marla Wiens                                         |
| Choir Accompanist: Kathy Rich              | Guitar: Tom Goering                                              |
| Greeters: Larry & Janet Dixon              | Nursery Helper: Rhys Blocker                                     |
| Reader: Paul Zehr                          | Greeters: Virg & Joyce Funk                                      |
| Bassoon: Natalie Moreland                  | Ushers: Jerry & Jené Yoder                                       |

11:00 a.m. – Pictures and Sharing (Summer Sunday School begins June 24.)  
Noon – Potluck dinner  
1:00 p.m. – Sharing from the wider community

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Women eat at Tuptim Thai  
Thursday, 9-11:00 a.m. – Senior Coffee Fellowship  
- Youth to Heifer Global Village, Perryville, AR.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Worship – Roger will preach  
10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation at the Holy Grounds Café.  
10:45 a.m. – Summer Sunday School begins. Check the poster in south foyer  
for class offerings and locations.  
1:30 p.m. – Bridal shower for Erin Funk (all ladies invited!)

**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

**Thank you** - The events of this day would not be complete without the special efforts of many people who went above and beyond to take on tasks beyond those that fell to the appointed committees of the congregation. A special thank you goes to Kerry Wedel for assembling the power point presentation shared during Sunday School, Mark Schmidt for facilitating the memories of SHMC, Lila Bartel for creating the guest book, Phil and Diana Hershberger for illustrating and assembling the time line and many others who provided for special gifts and attention. From the Farewell Celebration Committee: Vicki Penner, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Lyle Burkholder, Rachel Goossen, and Diana Hershberger

The **art pieces** at the front of the sanctuary were made by Carol Ingenthron (wall hanging), Leanne Kilmer (ceramic mosaic called "Sunny Fields," with a wood frame made by Nathan Bartel, son of Floyd Bartel, the first pastor of Southern Hills Church), and John Gaeddert (Osage orange sculpture called "Refuge"), owned by Carolyn and Tim Voth. Thanks for sharing these lovely pieces!

**All women are invited to eat together at Tuptim Thai** this Wednesday, June 20, at 6 p.m. Please come!

**Our youth leave this Thursday** for a service/learning trip to Heifer Global Village in Perryville, Arkansas. The Village is a collection of authentic model houses which represent impoverished areas around the globe. Participants become "citizens" of a specific house for the evening and work together to ensure that everyone "survives" until morning. It's fun, challenging and educational! Diana Hershberger, Monica Schrag and Ethan Rodenberg will lead the youth.

**The Christian Education 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.** We look forward to adults, youth and children participating together in groups composed of all ages.

Two gray fold-up chairs were left at the lake. (*find in the church office*)

### COMING EVENTS

June 30 – July 4 – Cynthia attends Hymnal Committee meetings  
July 15 – Last Sunday at Southern Hills for Roger and Cynthia  
July 27-30 – Western District Conference sessions

**NURSERY SCHEDULE:**                      **CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):**  
June 24 – Gretchen Morelinton      June 23 – Burkholder/Oesch (N), Voth (O)  
July 1 – Anna Goering                      June 30 – Seals/Schwanke (N), Strahm (O)  
July 8 – Chantse Boucher                  July 7 – D.Burkholder (N), Yoder (O)

### LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance:** 70      **Offering:** \$5,321.00  
**Bible School Offering for Academia Menonita Betania:** \$269.74

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

- Mennonite Mission Network, May 2018 – describes **Service Adventure**, the program Roger & Cynthia will be working with in Jackson, MS
- Mennonite Disaster Service thank you letter
- Bridal Shower invitation for Erin Funk, June 24
- Housewarming Part for Cornerstone of Topeka, June 28
- Steve Lowry, Becky Svaty & Roger Laubengayer in The Topeka Capital-Journal's business feature

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Last Sunday we prayed for:**

- People in transition in their lives: Cara Neufeld Smith, beginning residency in Lawrence, Mass; Zoe Burkholder at RMMC this week; Roger and Cynthia, leaving in late July for Service Adventure in Jackson, Mississippi.
- people in Guatemala who were devastated by the recent volcano.
- Elsa Goossen and her work with immigrants in El Paso, Texas, and the parents who are being separated from their children.

**We gave thanks for:**

- Safe travels for many during the summer months.

### BLESSING IN THE LEAVING

By Jan Richardson

In the leaving  
In the letting go  
Let there be this to hold on to at the last:  
The enduring of love  
The persisting of hope  
The remembering of joy  
The offering of gratitude  
The receiving of grace  
The blessing of peace.