

**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 24, 2018

62:25

Prelude: "Sonata No. 2 in C minor" Mendelssohn
(Grave, Adagio, Allegro maestoso e vivace, Fugue)

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

LEADER: We've come to worship God,
who makes streams flow from rock,
who causes water to spring out of parched earth,
who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**PEOPLE: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for You, O God.**

LEADER: Come, let's worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

*Invocation

*Hymn: "I heard the voice of Jesus say" HWB 493 (blue)

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 Norma Juhnke
Hymn: "Rain down" STJ 49 (green)

Offertory Prayer
Presenting our Offerings

(*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates.*)

Offertory: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Carter

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading John 4:5-15
Sermon: "Living Water for the Inward/Outward Journey" Roger

*Hymn: "O let all who thirst" HWB 495 (blue)
*Benediction
*Organ Response
*Postlude: "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

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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                          | Nursery Helper:                                           |
| Associate Pastor, Organist:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Gretchen Morelinton                                       |
| Worship Leaders: Cooper Garman<br>& Stan Voth        | Greeters: Virg & Joyce Funk<br>Ushers: Jerry & Jené Yoder |

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!)

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. Check the poster in south foyer for  
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COMING EVENTS

July 15 – Last Sunday at Southern Hills for Roger and Cynthia  
July 27-30 – Western District Conference sessions

NURSERY SCHEDULE: CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):  
July 1 – Anna Goering June 30 – Seals/Schwanke (N), Strahm (O)  
July 8 – Chantse Boucher July 7 – D.Burkholder (N), Yoder (O)  
July 15 – Zaka Blocker July 14 – Gingerich (N), Bartel (O)

LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance:** 180+ **Offering:** \$3,831.00  
**Visitors (may be incomplete):** Frances Baxter; Barb & Sam Claassen; Kathy Coker; Bill Coker; Michael Coker; Susan Dixon, Isabel, Mia and Julian; Charles Fantz; Rose and David Haury; Cal & Jo Frye; Jodi Heim; Duane Herrmann; Jerry & Carolyn Huffman; Jerry Jost; Sara and Bob Keckeisen; John Keckeisen; Pam Kellim; Christina Kopina and Ava; Randy & Janeal Krehbiel; George and Mona Krievins; David and Heidi Regier Kreider; Iris Neufeld & Eric Basinger; Greg & Nancy Parker; Rod & Marsha Schmidt; Derek Sewell; Anthony & Kara Swartzendruber, Isaac and Zachary; Jill Siebert & Braden Unruh; Megan Siebert & Andrew Voth; Rachel & Sam Voth Schrag, Jonah and Hannah; Dianne & Dennis Schmidt; Cara Smith; Micah & Ariel Smith; Evelyn Smith; Stan Smith; Ann Yoder Smith; Lee and Delores Suderman. **Many others attended the reception for community friends after the potluck dinner.**

**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

**“Words cannot begin to express** our gratitude for the wonderful celebration last Sunday, much less all of the love, support and caring we have received these past 30 years. **Special thanks to the Farewell Celebration Committee** for planning such a memorable event – Lyle Burkholder, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Diana Hershberger, Raylene Hinz-Penner and Vicki Penner. **Thanks for the beautiful “Southern Hills special” quilt!** May God’s grace and peace go with us all to the places God is calling us to serve.” - Cynthia & Roger Neufeld Smith

The events of **last Sunday** would not have been possible 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, the Fellowship Committee, and many others who provided for special gifts and attention. - The Farewell Celebration Committee

**Join activities leader extraordinaire Tracey Funk TODAY AFTER WORSHIP (approx. 10:45) as we “serve the Lord with gladness” through creation care. People of all ages are expected!**

All ladies are invited to a **bridal shower honoring Erin Funk Mahlandt** TODAY at 1:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

The Bethel College **alumni choir** is presenting a concert TODAY, at 3:30 in Lawrence at the First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to an enjoyable afternoon of great choral music.

**Pastor’s Whereabouts:** Cynthia will leave on Friday for the next meetings of the **MC USA/Canada Hymnal Committee**, this time in Cincinnati. She plans to return the following Wednesday. Please pray for the committee’s work.

The Topeka Community Foundation announced this week that, of all of the non-profit organizations who participated in its Topeka Gives event on June 5, **Topeka JUMP raised the second largest amount - \$27,743.93** (including the Topeka Community Foundation match). Thanks to everyone who contributed to Topeka JUMP and all of the other fine organizations represented at Topeka Gives, including the Topeka Rescue Mission, I CARE, Interfaith of Topeka, Kansas Youth Chorale and Common Ground.

Please submit articles for the **July newsletter by tomorrow, June 25.**

**Our youth left this past Thursday** for a learning trip to Heifer Global Village in Perryville, Arkansas. The Village is a collection of model houses which represent impoverished areas around the globe. Our youth will have a fun, challenging, educational experience! Diana Hershberger, Monica Schrag and Ethan Rodenberg are leading the youth. They expect to arrive back at the church later this evening.

### 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
- Housewarming Party 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:**

- Our youth as they made plans for their trip to the Heifer Global Village.
- Our sister church, Monte Horeb, in Dallas, TX, their pastor Sandra Martinez-Montes, and their concern for recent immigrants.
- the Blocker family as they attend many activities this summer, especially soccer tournaments.
- Tom Goering as he prepares for surgery in another week.

**We gave thanks for:**

- Recovery from brief hospitalizations for Jim Rhodes and Gerald Miller.
- A good (but hot) bike camping trip for Natalie Moreland and an appearance on TV for Gretchen’s Girl Scout troop.
- our fathers on this Father’s Day.
- the engagement of Katie Keckeisen to Clint Harris.

## **“Serve the Lord with Gladness”**

**Inter-generational Activities Sunday mornings at 10: 45 a.m.**

- **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.**