

*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: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Powell  
"O God of Mercy, God of Light" Cherwien  
"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" Colvin

### 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 gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—

**PEOPLE: the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses—**

LEADER: who hears the cries of all people and comes to their aid;

**PEOPLE: who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;**

LEADER: who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,  
take up our cross and discover what it means to fully live.

**PEOPLE: This is our God who calls us to worship.**

**Let's worship together.**

#### \*Invocation

\*Hymn: "Jesus calls us here to meet him" STJ 3 (green)

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 Tim Voth

Hymn: "Two fishermen" HWB 227 (blue)

Moment in Ministry Raylene Hinz-Penner

Hymn: "Jesus Christ is waiting" STJ 30 (green)

#### Offertory Prayer

Presenting our Offerings

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

Offertory: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Alexander

#### Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 3:1-14

Meditation: "Discerning Our Call on the Inward/Outward Journey" Roger

\*Hymn: "You shall go out with joy" HWB 427 (blue)

\*Benediction

\*Organ Response

\*Postlude: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Hildebrand

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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                | Worship Leader: Miriam Krehbiel |
| Associate Pastor:<br>Cynthia Neufeld Smith | Nursery Helper: Anna Goering    |
| Organist: Kathy Rich                       | Greeters: Phil & Pat Esau       |
|                                            | Ushers: Dale & Karen Burkholder |

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

10:45 a.m. – Intergenerational Summer Sunday School:

**Serve the Lord with gladness: those in need**

#### 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 themes and leaders of upcoming Sundays

#### THIS WEEK

Wednesday – The church office will be closed due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Thursday, 9-11:00 a.m. – Senior Coffee fellowship

#### COMING EVENTS

July 15 – Last Sunday at Southern Hills for Roger and Cynthia

July 27-30 – Western District Conference sessions

July 29 – Last Sunday of summer Sunday School term

August 19 – First Sunday of fall Sunday School term

#### NURSERY SCHEDULE:

July 8 – Chantse Boucher

July 15 – Zaka Blocker

July 22 – Brooke Slipke

#### CLEANING SCHEDULE (New/Old):

July 7 – D.Burkholder (N), Yoder (0)

July 14 – Gingerich (N), Bartel (0)

July 21 – Hershberger (N), Goering (0)

#### LAST SUNDAY MORNING

**Attendance: 98      Offering: \$5,571.00**

**Visitors:** Marcy Anderson, Steve & Janelle, Lily, Eve, Anna, Levi Corkill;  
Taylor Mahlandt, Erin Funk.

**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

**Join Lavina Wall TODAY AFTER WORSHIP (approx. 10:45) to “serve the Lord with gladness” as we think about those in need. People of all ages are invited and expected!**

We want to thank the congregation for the good wishes as you attended our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration on June 15. We thank you for the many meaningful cards and your presence. It was truly a memorable occasion. As the guest book stated, we were “blessed.” - Janet & Larry Dixon

**Please add more events and comments to the Neufeld Smith timeline in Fellowship Hall.** They don't have to be profound. They can be personal – or fun – or memorable. Find markers next to the timeline.

**ALMOST FREE!! – Bibles and books (mostly brand new!), magazines and knick knacks (mostly old) from the Neufeld Smith exclusive collection!** The only cost – writing a comment on the Neufeld Smith timeline for every item taken. Check out the table in the Fellowship Hall next to the Neufeld Smith timeline. Please take only one of duplicate items. **More to come next week!**

**Pastor's Whereabouts:** Cynthia is at meetings of the **MCUSA/Canada Hymnal Committee** in Cincinnati. She plans to return on Wednesday. Please pray for the challenging work of this committee.

**Our youth returned last Sunday** from a learning trip to Heifer Global Village in Perryville, Arkansas. They plan to report on their trip later this summer. Thanks to Diana Hershberger, Monica Schrag and Ethan Rodenberg for leading the group.

The **July newsletter** distribution date has been postponed to later this week.

Additional **counselors** are needed at **Camp Mennoscah** July 29-August 3 for high school camp because it's full with a waiting list! If you could help, please contact Olivia at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Last Sunday we prayed for:**

- those parents and children who have been separated at the US-Mexico border, and for Elsa Goossen as she cares for recent immigrants.
- our youth as they traveled back from their trip to the Heifer Global Village.
- a great shower and wedding celebration for Erin Funk and Taylor Mahlandt.
- Tom Goering as he prepares for surgery in the coming week.
- John Bartel's friend from his running club who died of cancer this past week.

**We gave thanks for:**

- a wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration for Larry and Janet Dixon on June 15.
- a wonderful farewell celebration for Cynthia and Roger on June 17.

### **“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.

### **Sunday Worship this Summer**

July 1 – Raylene Hinz-Penner will present a “Moment in Ministry” about Elsa Goossen's work in El Paso, Texas, with recent immigrants, including some “breaking news” about that work. Roger will preach on “Discerning Our Call to the Outward Journey”

July 8 – Roger will preach about the outward journey of the Christian life.

July 15 – For Cynthia and Roger's last Sunday as pastors of Southern Hills...

- Cynthia and Roger will do a blend of speaking and congregational singing (folk songs as well as hymns, mostly favorites of Cynthia and Roger) for their final sermon.
- We will also **commission Cynthia and Roger** for their work with Service Adventure in Jackson, Mississippi.
- We will **celebrate communion** together
- There will be a **potluck dinner** after Sunday School. Please plan to bring food to share.

### 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
- notice of Ruth Schrag's death June 27<sup>th</sup>; funeral service was June 30<sup>th</sup>