

August 20, 2017



Hymn #544, "When we Walk with the Lord"

Welcome & Call to Worship ~ *Logan Hunsberger*

"Forever"

"By Faith"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Children's Story ~ *Pastor John Engle*

Congregational Prayer ~ *Lorri Bentch*

Offering, "Thy Will" ~ *Jen & Sophia Lacher*

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4, Genesis 15:1, Genesis 17:1-11

Message: "Covenant of Promise" ~ *Pastor Tim Bentch*

Communion ~ *Pastor Jenifer Eriksen Morales & Pastor John*

Benediction ~ *Pastor Tim*

SJ #76, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Following our service, members of our Prayer Team are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 10:50am.

Stop by the Welcome Table for a listing of our classes and their locations.

All are welcome to join Pastor John Engle in the Fellowship Hall for a Sunday School Class studying the book of Philippians called, "Gospel In, Gospel Out."

For the summer, children ages 3 to 5th grade will be split into 2 groups to enjoy various workshops in drama, dance, sports, art and more. Each week will include a Bible lesson, scripture and prayer.

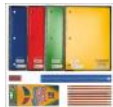
Ages 3 to 1st grade—Room 108

Grades 2 to 5 - Room 113

Wednesday Night Girls Club leaders needed! We need women volunteers to teach 1st, 2nd and 4th grade. Classes run each Wednesday night, October through March. Contact Sarah Scorzetti with questions/ interest .



Women's Walking Group—Do you like to walk? Are you looking for a fun way to exercise and be with people? Come join the walking group **Mondays from 7-8pm**. Meet at SMC's front doors rain or shine. Any questions contact Thea Moyer #267-882-6305.



Our August Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Project is School Kits. Take advantage of summer sales on school supplies to donate MCC's most requested kit. Stop by the Missions Table for a shopping list.



Living Branches Chicken BBQ, Silent Auction & Gospel Music Fest at Souderton Mennonite Homes, **Saturday August 26th, 9am to 4pm** featuring live music, car show, mommy market, chicken platters and baked goods, petting zoo and fun (free) activities for the kids.



SMC will host a blood drive in the WSCC on Wednesday, Sept 13th from 2-7pm. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or sign up to give online at redcrossblood.org, (sponsor code: Souderton).



DivorceCare Ministry at SMC This Fall: DivorceCare is a 13-week course offering support, counsel and encouragement to people who have been through the pain of divorce or are separated from their spouse. **Divorce Care will meet weekly on Wednesday nights,**

7 to 8:30pm starting September 6th. If you would like more information or to join this group please contact divorcecare@soudertonmennonite.org. Brochures are available at the Welcome Table to share with your friends or family who may benefit.



Men's Over-40 Basketball ~ Thursdays at 7:30pm in the WSCC **Runs weekly starting September 7** until the end of May. No need to register, just show up! Questions? Contact Ken Miller at kenmiller1128@gmail.com



SMC Adult Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 27th.

No auditions, we welcome anyone who loves to sing to come and join us—men, women and Sr. High Youth—all are welcome! Practice is every **Wednesday, 7-8:30pm** in the Choir Room. Contact our Choir Director, Lori Cassel, with any questions! galorc@hotmail.com

Please keep in prayer the Pastoral Evaluation for Pastor Tim Bentch under the guidance of Franconia Mennonite Conference & our Church Board. This is standard for pastors in our conference at about the one year mark of new service and will be helpful for Pastor Tim in hearing feedback and dialog from the congregation. **25% of the congregation will be asked** to represent a cross section of our congregation and to complete a questionnaire and meet in small groups to discuss.

Jackie's Project Work Days....Work days will continue for the Davies family every Saturday morning, 8am to noon. Painting and other projects are always in motion. Keith Reed is working at the house almost every day and could use a helper to be there with him to assist with whatever is needed. No special skills needed. Contact Ruth Walter to volunteer: #267-446-6838

MENTOR MINISTRY

It's that time of year again, when our **Mentor Ministry welcomes our new 6th graders into the program, as well as any other youth, grades 6-12 who would like to have a Mentor and presently don't.** We are always looking for willing adults to be Mentors to our youth, but there is a **special need for men** to be a part of this ministry, as we have several boys who are looking for Mentors. We encourage our youth to consider who they would like to have as a Mentor, but we are always willing to help them find one as well. If you have any questions and would like to know more about this life-changing ministry, please see one of our Mentor Ministry team members: Deb Kratz, Kristi Ruth, Rhonda Ruth or Pastor Nate Johnson.

Connecting with Others and Growing - Following morning



worship, you may notice that a lot of people disappear soon after getting a cup of coffee. Many are heading to Sunday School (children, youth, and adults) which is where most people connect with others, enjoy rich fellowship, and go deeper in God's word and prayer. They share needs, pray for one another, give care, serve together, and become a spiritual family. If you are interested in finding a group, please stop in at the Welcome Table or contact the office. We are glad to help you connect!



Have you found us on Facebook? Our SMC Facebook page is an excellent way to keep in touch with what is happening here on Sunday mornings and in our ministries. You'll see pictures, videos & reminders of upcoming events. Search for "**Souderton Mennonite Church**" and "**Like**" us!

Statistics for August 13, 2017

Worship Service Attendance ~ 305

MEP ~ \$4,165

Missions ~ \$866

General Fund ~ \$11,254

This week at a glance...

Sunday, August 20

~ Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

8:15 to 9am

Prayer Gathering

9:30am

Worship Service

10:50am

Sunday School for all ages:

Adult Elective, *Fellowship Hall*

Children's Workshops, *Room 113 and 108*

5 to 7pm

Pickleball, *WSSC*

Monday, August 21

7-8pm

Women's Walking Group, *SMC front door*

Thursday, August 24

6:30 to 7:30pm

Dementia Care Group, *Connections Cafe*

Saturday, August 26

8am to noon

**Work day at Jackie Davies House
49 S. 9th Street, Perkasio**

Sunday, August 27 ~ Message by Pastor John Engle

8:15 to 9am

Prayer Gathering

9:30am

Worship Service & Communion

10:50am

Sunday School for all ages:

Adult Elective, *Fellowship Hall*

Children's Workshops, *Room 113 and 108*

5 to 7pm

Pickleball, *WSSC*

SMC Office Hours

Monday (Closed) Tues - Thurs 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

215-723-3088 ❖ www.soudertonmennonite.org