

Souderton Mennonite Church  
Sunday, March 5, 2017

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9:15am - Worship

9:30am ~ Hymn #102 , "To God be the Glory"

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

Jr. High Sharing

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Hymn # 327, "Great is thy Faithfulness"

Children's Story ~ *Amanda Johnson*

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor John Engle*

Offering ~ "The Lion and the Lamb"

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7 ~ *Justin Nice*

Children ages 3 to Kindergarten are invited to Children's Church  
SJ #27, "God of the Bible"

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Message: "Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired" ~ *Pastor Josh Jefferson*

"Amazing Love"

"Your Grace Finds Me" ~ *SMC Adult Choir*

Benediction

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

**Sunday School classes for all ages will begin at 10:50am. Stop by the Welcome Table for a complete listing of our classes and their locations.**

# This week at a glance...

Today is the last day to visit the *House of Prayer*  
It will be open until 9pm tonight.

## Sunday, March 5 ~ First Sunday of Lent

8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering  
9:30am Worship Service  
10:50am Sunday School for all ages  
**12 to 3pm** **Jr. High "Compassion Experience", Jr High Room**  
5 to 7pm Pickleball, WSCC

## Tuesday, March 7

**9am to 3pm** **Quilt N Knot Ministry, Fellowship Hall**  
**7pm** **Prayer Shawl Ministry, Main Lobby**  
7pm Young Adult Volleyball

## Wednesday, March 8

**Community Meal** **6 to 6:45pm** **Fellowship Hall**  
**Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Veggies, Salad & Desserts**  
**Hosted by the Seekers & Mediators Sunday School Classes**

6:15 to 7pm Joyful Noise (grades 2-8), *Choir Room*  
7 to 8pm Clubs (age 3 to 5th grade), *Children's Dpt.*  
7 to 8pm Youth Fellowship (6 to 12th), *Youth Center*  
7 to 8pm Unique Women Hang Out, *Nook*  
7 to 8pm Men's Bible Study, *Rm 300*  
7 to 8pm Women's Bible Study, *Rm 119*  
7pm Adult Choir Practice, *Choir Room*  
7pm N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous), *Rm 305/307*

## Thursday, March 9

7:30 to 9pm Men's Over-40 Basketball, WSCC  
7:30 to 9pm A.A. Big Book Step Study, *Rm 313/315*

## Saturday, March 11 ~ GroundFloor Sounds, 7:30pm ~ *Broad Street Grind*

## Sunday, March 12 ~ Installation of Pastor John Engle

Message by Tim Bentsch

8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering  
9:30am Worship Service  
**10:50am** **Sunday Social in the Main Lobby**  
11:10am Sunday School for all ages  
5 to 7pm Pickleball, WSCC





**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). Sunday School classes and small groups that meet during the week are 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!

**We welcome Pastor John & Julie Engle to SMC. Next Sunday, March 12th, Pastor John will be installed during the morning worship as our full-time Care Pastor.** After the service, we will have a social time in the Main Lobby and Sunday School will begin at 11:10am.

**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 and reminders of upcoming events. Search for "**Souderton Mennonite Church**" and "**Like**" us!



**Ground Floor Sounds** is a new coffeehouse event held at The **Broad Street Grind** in Souderton. On **March 11, 7:30-9pm** music will be by Taylor Downes, a local young artist and Christopher Dock grad. SMC is sponsoring this event to create a social space for students and young adults, as well as to support Souderton's newest small business. If you haven't checked out the **Broad Street Grind** yet, this night is a great opportunity!

**Women's Gathering, Saturday, March 18th; 9am to 3pm at Towamencin Mennonite Church.** Guest speaker is Pastor Tami Good. Registration and lunch is \$15 a person. (Child care is available for \$5) Please register on the Franconia Mennonite Conference website.

**Women - Save the date for the Awaken Conference – a one-day women's event at Leidy's Church in Souderton on Saturday, April 22, 2017.** See Barb Moyer for more details.

### **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](http://www.soudertonmennonite.org)

Senior  
Lunch

**Seniors Luncheon** ~ Wed. March 22, 12pm. Come meet Pastor John Engle! Please RSVP to the church office by March 19th.

## MENTOR MINISTRY

**Sunday, March 19 ~ Mentor Training during Sunday School.** For all Mentee/Mentor Pairs and those who like to know more about the Mentor Ministry. Meet in the Fellowship Hall where Pastor Josh will lead a time of interactive training and resourcing. Snacks provided!

**Sunday, April 2 ~ Mentor/Mentee Bowling Night, 5-7pm** Save the date and meet at Earl Bowl Lanes. Cost is \$20 a pair and includes bowling, pizza, soda and dessert! Please RSVP to Rhonda Ruth at [mmrrr@comcast.net](mailto:mmrrr@comcast.net) or #215-565-5103.

### Summer dates to remember...

**Interfaith Hospitality Network** is coming to SMC for the **month of May**. We will need supplies, meals, transportation and overnight hosts. Please start praying now for the families we will host and think about how you can help!



**Saturday, June 3; 8pm to Midnight**

Held in the Souderton Shopping Center parking lot.

**Sunday, June 11 ~ Children's Sunday**



Tired of cold weather and planning a get-a-way to a hot spot? Make Jungle Safari one of your travel destinations this year! Planning for Vacation Bible School is in full swing. Mark your calendars now for **June 26-30** and look for volunteer signups to begin next week.

**Sunday, July 16 ~ Morning Worship and Potluck Lunch in the Souderton Park.**

**INTERNS  
WANTED**

**Accepting applications for Summer 2017 Interns!** We are seeking young adults who want experience in community service, leadership training, and building relationships in & outside of the local church. This opportunity is open to ANY interested college students, as we are partnering with other FMC-EDC churches also. The internship program will run 8 weeks, early June through end of July. Contact Sarah Freeman at 215-723-3088.

### Statistics for February 26, 2017

Worship Service Attendance: 354

MEP ~ \$4,475 ❖ Missions ~ \$820 ❖ General Fund ~ \$16,650

# Are you ready to learn more about Souderton Mennonite Church?



If you have been attending Souderton Mennonite Church for a few weeks (or a few years!) and would like to learn more about our church and/or how to become a member then please attend our...

## **SMC Meet & Greet, Sunday March 26th**

Join us for an informal gathering in the Main Lobby during Sunday School to meet with Pastors and ministry leaders. Hear ways you can become more connected at SMC.



## **April 23, 2017 Gifts Discovery Workshop**

Join us on Sunday, April 23, 11am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about your God-given gifts. This is also a step in exploring membership here at SMC. Registration is required because there's pre-workshop homework.

To register, contact the church office, at #215-723-3088 or [churchoffice@soudertonmennonite.org](mailto:churchoffice@soudertonmennonite.org)

# Opportunities to Support our SMC Church Family

## **Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp** **Summer fun for ages 7 to 18!**



SMC offers a way to participate as a camper or a camper supporter through the Spruce Lake Church Matching Program. A week at SLWC can be life changing and this program makes that financially possible! Camp enthusiasts can support this ministry with contributions made payable to SMC-with notation for "SL Matching Program".

Families affiliated with SMC sending children to SLWC can request a coupon or get more detailed information from Jess Gillespie at [jgillespie@soudertonmennonite.org](mailto:jgillespie@soudertonmennonite.org) or #215-723-3088 x 100

## **Service Opportunity!**

Watch for sign-ups shortly for volunteers to help renovate a living space for Jackie Davies who became paralyzed several days before Christmas and has been at Good Shepherd Rehab for the last two months. She is moving to a step down facility until the family home can be made accessible for her and her wheelchair. Jackie began attending SMC as a child and has served in children's ministry & community outreach events. Her & her brother Don were active for years helping in the young adult S. S. Class. Jackie is the niece of Phyllis Greiser. If you would like to volunteer or want more information on ways to be involved, please contact Mary Benner at [mbenner248@gmail.com](mailto:mbenner248@gmail.com) or call #267-640-5120.

# Souderton Mennonite Church



January 11 to March 15  
6:00 to 6:45 PM

1/11- Hot dogs, Tator Tots, Veggies & Dessert

1/18 - Italian Chicken, Potatoes, Veggies, Salad & Dessert

1/25 - Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Rice, Veggie & Dessert

2/1- Chicken Tetrazzini, Veggie, Salad & Dessert

2/8 - Chili, Bread, Salad & Dessert

2/15 - Baked Ziti, Veggies, Bread, Salad & Dessert

2/22 - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Salad & Breakfast Desserts

3/1 - NO MEAL—Ash Wednesday

3/8- Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Veggie, Salad & Dessert

3/15 -Pizza, Chips, Salad & Dessert

# WEDNESDAY SMC's Night

**January 11 to March 15, 2017**

Community Meal (Fellowship Hall ) 6:00 - 6:45  
pm

Joyful Noise 6:15 - 7:00 pm  
Singing & Hand bells for grades 2-8

Youth Activities (Youth Center) 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
For grades 6-12

Boy's, Girl's, & PK Club (Children's Dept.) 7:00 - 8:00  
pm  
For ages 4 - 5th grade

Unique Women Hang-Out (Nook) 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Young Women with Differing Abilities

Women's Bible Study (Room 119) 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
"Seeing God" - A look at the stories of Biblical characters from both the Old & New Testaments whose lives were changed by seeing or being seen by God. Learn to look for God in your day to day life and find out how God sees you!. Led by Debbie Hedrick

Men's Bible Study (Room 300/302) 7:00 - 8:00  
pm

Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7:00 - 8:30 pm

N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Room 305/307) 7:30 pm