

Souderton Mennonite Church  
Sunday, March 12, 2017

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**THE CROSS**



9:30am ~ "Overture" ~ *Got Strings*

Hymn #151, "Marvelous Grace of our Loving God"

Call to Worship ~ *Berdine Leinbach*

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Hymn #336, "When Peace, Like a River"

Children's Story ~ *Jill Kaercher*

Commissioning Brooke Leaman to serve in Guatemala

Congregational Prayer ~ *Bev Miller*

Children ages 3 to Kindergarten are invited to Children's Church

Offering ~ "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Celeste Derstine, Sofia Lacher & Megan Wenzel*

Scripture: John 16:33 and 14:27 ~ *Michele & Brittany Bergey*

Message: "The Peacemaking Cross" ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

Installation of John Engle as Care Pastor ~ *Steve Kriss*

Hymn #389, "Take My Life"

"You Raise Me Up" ~ *Got Strings*

**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.**




**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!



**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!

**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.

**Paul Bennet** is playing a concert at Dock Woods Chapel on **March 19 at 6:30pm.** Sit back and relax as Paul plays piano and a little organ music.

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

March 23, 6:30 to 7:30pm ~ Next support group for Dementia Care Givers

**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.

## 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.

# Get involved at SMC...



If you have been attending SMC for a few weeks (or a few years!) and would like to learn more about our church and/or how to become a member, please attend our **SMC Meet & Greet, Sunday March 26th**. Join us for an informal gathering in the Main Lobby during Sunday School and hear ways you can become more connected at SMC.



## **April 23, 2017 ~ Gifts Discovery Workshop ~ 11am to 1pm**

Come and discover/confirm what your God-given gifts are.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this workshop to learn about their Gifts, Passions, Learning/Behavioral Style, and how their life experiences and training have shaped their Journey toward Christ! 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

## **MEP Meetings: April 30 & May 7 during Sunday School**



**March (MCC) Project is Hygiene Kits** Use the provided cloth bags to assemble a whole kit or donate single items such as toothbrushes, large bath bar soap, fingernail clippers and dark hand towels.



**SMC's Vacation Bible School is June 26-30.** See the flyer in your mailbox or at our table in the lobby for the many ways you can have fun volunteering and getting to know the children in our church and community. VBS would be a great opportunity for mentor pairs to do as a service project.



**SMC/Spruce Lake Campership Fund** 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". SMC families sending children to SLWC can request a coupon or get more detailed information from Jess Gillespie at #215-723-3088 x 100.

## **Statistics for March 5, 2017**

Worship Service Attendance: 375

**Spruce Lake Campership Fund ~ \$1161.50**

MEP ~ \$3,554 ❖ Missions ~ \$250 ❖ General Fund ~ \$23,445

# This week at a glance...

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

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



## Tuesday, March 14

7pm

Young Adult Volleyball

## Wednesday, March 15 ~ Last Community Meal

**Community Meal**

**6 to 6:45pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Pizza, Chips, Salad & Desserts**

**Hosted by the Faithful Workers Sunday School Class**

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 16

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 17 ~ **Jr. High Late Night Blast at Dock Academy**

## Sunday, March 19 ~ **Message by Tim Bentsch**

8:15 to 9am

Prayer Gathering

9:30am

Worship Service

10:50am

Sunday School for all ages

**Mentor Ministry Training, Fellowship Hall**

5 to 7pm

Pickleball, WSCC

### SMC Office Hours

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

Friday - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

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# Opportunities to Support our SMC Church Family

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



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## **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