

Souderton Mennonite Church

The Search



December 4, 2016 Worship Service

9:15 to 9:30am ~ Hymn Sing

Mission Moment ~ Tree of Life International, *Mary Benner*

Hymn #70, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor Tim Bentch*

Candle Lighting & Advent Reading

~ *Jonathan, Michele, Christopher & Alison Keach*

"Shine on Us"

"Here I Am to Worship"

"By Faith"

Time of Greeting One Another

Children's Story ~ *Barb Moyer*

Congregational Prayer & Offering

"He Has Made Me Glad" ~ *Glory Ringers*

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

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-9 (page 560) ~ *Debbie Hedrick*

Message: "Light for the Path" ~ *Pastor Leonard Dow*

SJ#54, "Longing for Light"

Words of Sending

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.



During this season of Advent, we come together, searching to know more and more of Jesus. **Invite your friends, co-workers and family to SMC for the holidays.** Postcard/invitations are available on the Welcome Table for you to hand out.

Youth Group Holiday Fun

- Sr. High Service night at the MRC ~ Wed. December 7th ~ 6:30 to 8pm
- Sr. High Christmas Party ~ Wed. December 14th ~ 7 to 8pm
Please bring a wrapped \$5 or less gift for a White Elephant exchange
- Jr. High Holiday Gym Night ~ Wed. December 14th ~ 7 to 8pm
- Jr. High Christmas Event ~ Friday, December 16th ~ 6:30pm
- Sr. High Fondue Party ~ Friday, January 6th ~ 7pm
Hosted by the Gillespie's: 723 Indian Creek Rd, Telford





Holiday Services

Young Adult Brunch ~ Sunday, Dec. 18th, 11am

Christmas Choir Program ~ Sunday Dec. 18th, 6pm
Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the program.
Please bring cookies to share.

Longest Night Service ~ Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 5:30pm

Christmas Eve Service ~ Saturday, Dec. 24th, 6:30pm

Christmas Morning Worship ~ Sunday, Dec. 25th, 10:30am

New Year's Day Worship ~ Sunday, January 1st, 10:30am



Mark your calendars for a Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 4th. Guest speakers will be Mike & April Clemmer.

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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Last day to sign up for Sisters Making Connections Wreath Making

Thursday, December 8 at 7pm ~ Sign up in the Main Lobby to join

SMC women & friends for an evening of creative wreath making.

\$20 for a wreath / \$10 for a centerpiece. Cookies and cocoa provided.

- **Men's Retreat** at Spruce Lake Retreat, **January 12-13**. Sign up by December 15th with Fred Cole (215-393-6754) if you are interested in a great time of playing, eating, singing and inspiring teaching.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** ~ Save the date for Sat., February 18th, 7am.



Youth Auction ~ Saturday January 28th

A night of food and fellowship you won't want to miss!

Service Opportunities at SMC



Give the gift of warmth! Bring hats, mittens, gloves, scarves &

socks to decorate the trees in the Main Lobby and in the

Children's Dept. Donations will be given to families in our community through

Keystone Opportunity Center.

Share God's love & give a gift of HOPE in Haiti & our community.

- ♦ Stop by the tables in the Main Lobby to see how you can help supply rural villages in Haiti with livestock, tress and seeds. Contact Mary Benner with any questions: mbenner248@gmail.com.
- ♦ Buy a book to give to a child (pre-school age) that attends the Head Start classes held here at SMC.



Our November & December (MCC) Project is Hygiene Kits

Use one of the provided cloth bags to assemble a whole kit or donate single items such as (new, individually wrapped) toothbrushes, large bath bar soap, fingernail clippers and dark hand towels.

A great project for families and mentors this Holiday season!

Statistics for November 27, 2016

Worship Service Attendance: 352

MEP ~ \$8,489 ❖ Missions ~ \$1,230 ❖ General Fund ~ \$17,683

Thanksgiving offering designated to "Haiti for Christ" ~ \$6,607

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 MEP Financial Commitment ~ \$105,050

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 General Budget ~ \$319,133

This week at a glance...

Sunday, December 4 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:15am to 9am	Prayer Gathering
9:15am	Hymn Sing
9:30am	Worship Service
10:50am	Sunday School for all ages
5 to 7pm	Pickleball, WSCC



Monday, December 5

6 to 7pm	Glory Ringers Practice
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Tuesday, Decemver 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

Community Meal 6 to 6:45pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Pasta, Meatballs, Veggie, Salad, Desserts

Hosted by the Jr. High Youth Group

6:15 to 7pm	Joyful Noise (grades 2-8) <i>Choir Room</i>
6:30 to 8pm	Sr. High Youth (9th-12th) Service night at MRC
7 to 8pm	Jr High Youth Fellowship (6 to 8th), <i>Youth Center</i>
7 to 8pm	Clubs (age 3 to 5th grade), <i>Children's Dept.</i>
7 to 8pm	Unique Women Hang Out , <i>Nook</i>
7 to 8pm	Men's Bible Study, <i>Rm 300/302</i>
7 to 8pm	Women's Bible Study, <i>Rm 119</i>
7pm	Adult Choir Practice, <i>Choir Room</i>
7pm	N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) <i>Rm 305/307</i>

Thursday, December 8

7 to 9pm	Women's Ministry Wreath Making, Fellowship Hall
7 to 9pm	Men's Over-40 Basketball, WSCC
7:30pm	A.A. Big Book Step Study, <i>Rm 313/315</i>

Next Sunday, December 11 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

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





October 5th - December 14th

Community Meal: 6:00 to 6:45 PM

10/05—Italian Chicken, Rice, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

10/12—Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

10/19—Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Salad, Dessert

10/26—Spaghetti Pie, Veggie, Salad, Bread, Dessert

11/02—Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

11/9—Egg Casserole, Fruit Salad, Dessert

11/16—Shepherds Pie, Bread, Applesauce, Salad, Dessert

11/23—Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm

~ No meal served tonight

11-30—Hotdogs, Mac & Cheese, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

12/07—Pasta, Meatballs, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

12/14—BBQ Chicken, Potatoes, Veggie, Salad, Dessert