

Souderton Mennonite Church

The Search



December 11, 2016 Worship Service

9:15 to 9:30am ~ Worship

Call to Worship & Time of Greeting ~ *Eric Bishop*

Hymn #199, "The First Noel"

Candle Lighting & Advent Reading ~ *John & Aubrey DellaBarba*

Hymn #176, "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"

Hymn #184, "Hark! the Glad Sound"

Hymn #178, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Children's Story ~ *Sarah Scorzetti*

Congregational Prayer & Offering

"What Child is This?" ~ *Emma Bentch, Lael Flores, Katie McQuade*

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

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (page 783) ~ *Kirby & Lydia King*

Message: "The Great Journey" ~ Pastor Tim Bentch

"Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

~ *Tim Benner, Ken Clemmer, Dave Dengler & Feryl Souder*

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 Christmas Party ~ Wed. December 14th ~ 7 to 8pm

Please bring a wrapped \$5 or less gift for a White Elephant exchange

Jr. High Christmas Party ~ 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



Youth Auction ~ Saturday January 28th

The Congregation is invited to a night of food and fellowship hosted by the SMC Youth Groups. Donations will be accepted after Christmas as we look to raise money for our trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Orlando this summer, retreats and weekly activities.

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

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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- **Seniors Lunch** ~ Wednesday **January 4th, 12pm** in the Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP to Jess Gillespie (215-723-3088).
- **Men's Retreat** at Spruce Lake Retreat, **January 12-13**.
Sign up by December 15th with Fred Cole (215-393-6754).
- **Congregational Budget Meeting** ~ **January 15th** during Sunday School
- **Valentines Banquet** ~ **Saturday February 4th, 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall.
Guest speakers are Mike & April Clemmer. Childcare is available.
(Donations will be accepted that night to help cover the evening's costs.)
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** ~ Save the date for Sat., **February 18th, 7am**.

Service Opportunities at SMC



Grocery Cards make great GIFTS and help support our Women's Ministry — Gift Cards for ShopRite, Landis & Giant. For every \$100 of gift cards purchased, the Women's Ministry Fund receives \$5. If you'd like to purchase gift cards, pick up an order form in the hallway and return to the Church Office mailbox.



Give the gift of warmth! Bring hats, mittens & gloves to decorate the trees in the Main Lobby and 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, trees and seeds. Contact Mary Benner with any questions: mbenner248@gmail.com.



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 December 4, 2016

Worship Service Attendance: 359

MEP ~ \$15,289 ❖ Missions ~ \$1,955 ❖ General Fund ~ \$52,142

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 MEP Financial Commitment ~ \$89,711

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 General Budget ~ \$266,858

This week at a glance...

Sunday, December 11 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:15am to 9am Prayer Gathering

9:30am Worship Service

10:50 am **Sunday Social, Main Lobby**

11:10am Sunday School for all ages

5 to 7pm Pickleball, WSCC

5 to 7pm **Haiti Service Night—packing micronutrients for a trip in January, Fellowship Hall**

Sunday
Social

Monday, December 12

6 to 7pm Glory Ringers Practice

Tuesday, December 13

7pm Young Adult Volleyball

Wednesday, December 14 ~ Last meal for 2016!

Community Meal 6 to 6:45pm ~ Fellowship Hall

BBQ Chicken, Potatoes, Veggie, Salad, Desserts

Hosted by the Seekers & Express-0 Sunday School Classes

6:15 to 7pm Joyful Noise (grades 2-8) *Choir Room*

7 to 8pm Youth Fellowship (6 to 12th), Christmas Party

7 to 8pm Clubs (age 3 to 5th grade), *Children's Dept.*

7 to 8pm Unique Women Hang Out, *Nook*

7 to 8pm Men's Bible Study, *Rm 300/302*

7 to 8pm Women's Bible Study, *Rm 119*

7pm Adult Choir, Program at Souderton Mennonite Homes

7pm N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) *Rm 305/307*

Thursday, December 15

7 to 9pm Men's Over-40 Basketball, WSCC

7:30pm A.A. Big Book Step Study, *Rm 313/315*

Next Sunday, December 18 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

8:15am to 9am Prayer Gathering

9:30am Worship Service

10:50am Sunday School for all ages

Young Adult Brunch, Fellowship Hall

6pm Christmas Choral Program, Cookies & Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall





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