

Souderton Mennonite Church

The Search



December 18, 2016 Worship Service

9:15 to 9:30am ~ Worship

Call to Worship & Time of Greeting ~ *Pastor Mim Book*

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Candle Lighting & Advent Reading ~ *Nathaniel & Kaitlyn Hoover*

"Light of the Stable" (Selah) ~ Dance

Hymn #195, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

"Hark the Herold Angels Sing/King of Heaven"

Hymn #76, "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

Children's Story ~ *Mike & Sarah Scorzetti*

Congregational Prayer & Offering "We Three Kings"

"Almost There" (Sorenson) ~ *Adult Choir*

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

Scripture: Luke 2:22-38 (page 832) ~ *Mark Hamm*

Message: "The Great Wait" ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

Hymn #182, "Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee"

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.

Holiday Services

Young Adult Brunch ~ Sunday, Dec. 18th, 11am
Join us in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School

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

Seniors Lunch ~ Wednesday January 4th, 12pm in the Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP to Jess Gillespie (215-723-3088).

Sr. High Fondue Party ~ Friday, January 6th ~ 7pm
Hosted by the Gillespie's: 723 Indian Creek Rd, Telford

Congregational Budget Meeting ~ January 15th during Sunday School



Youth Auction ~ Saturday January 28th

The Congregation is invited to a night of food and fellowship hosted by the SMC Youth Groups. We will begin receiving donations after Christmas. The meal and auction raise money for the youth's trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Orlando this summer, retreats and other weekly activities.

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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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 Breakfast ~ Save the date for Sat., February 18th, 7am.

Thanks! Do you know how many "special" people are in the SMC congregation?
ALL OF YOU - EVERY ONE OF YOU!!! My heart is filled with praise to God for your many acts of kindness and for God's mercy and goodness to me. Your prayers are precious! Keep them coming! May God bless you, each one, this Christmas season and always! Lovingly, *Joanne Nice*



The art supplies bought with funds raised during VBS are currently sailing on a 40' sea-container full of \$45.8 million dollars' worth of medicine and aid to help the people of the Dominican Republic. Not only are we serving the areas affected by the flooding but also select areas in Haiti and those still affected by hurricane Matthew. SMC's VBS gift helped not only purchase the necessary art supplies for the Christian school but the remaining funds went toward the aid delivery that will impact tens of thousands of lives. Watch this video for more of an update about the Dominican Republic from CitiHope and Make it Rain – ministries that Austin and Julie Landis serve with.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Frd-qj2FNqg>

Service Opportunities at SMC

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 11, 2016

Worship Service Attendance: 335

MEP ~ \$40,242 ❖ Missions ~ \$5,160 ❖ General Fund ~ \$28,259

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 MEP Financial Commitment ~ \$49,469

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 General Budget ~ \$238,599

This week at a glance...

Sunday, December 18 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15am to 9am Prayer Gathering

9:30am Worship Service

11:10am Sunday School for all ages

Young Adult Brunch, Fellowship Hall

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



Monday, December 19

6 to 7pm Glory Ringers Practice

Tuesday, December 20

7pm Young Adult Volleyball

Wednesday, December 21

5:30pm Longest Night Service

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

Thursday, December 22

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

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

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

6:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Next Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

Message by Pastor Josh Jefferson

10:30am Worship Service

No Sunday School

Holiday Office Hours, December 26-30

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday Closed

Thursday 8:30 am to 4pm

Friday 8:30am to 1pm

Sunday, January 1st ~ New Years Day

10:30am Worship Service

No Sunday School

