

Souderton Mennonite Church

The Search



December 25, 2016 Worship Service

10:15 to 10:30am ~ Worship Music by Paul Bennett

Welcome & Call to Worship ~ *Pastor Tim Bentch*

Hymn #212, "O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Time of Greeting

Children's Story

Hymn #215, "What Child is This"

Hymn #199, "The First Noel"

Hymn #201, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Congregational Prayer

Offering ~ "Adore"

Scripture: John 1:9-14

Message: "The Strangest Gift" ~ *Pastor Joshua Jefferson*

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Benediction

Merry Christmas!



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

Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing!"
Join us for worship and a special time of blessing and anointing as we start the new year together.

*Please take note that the church office will be closed from December 26th to December 28th. If you experience any emergency or crisis situations during this time, please reach out to Pastor Mim Book at #267-664-2615.

Clarification about Pastor Mim's term:

Pastor Mim plans to continue her interim service as Care Pastor until the end of February. We are so very grateful for the wonderful ministry and care of Mim among us! The Pastoral Search Team and Board are working with that time frame in mind. --Pastor Tim

Senior
Lunch

Seniors Lunch ~ Wednesday January 4th, 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Pastor Tim Bentch will be giving a short concert following the meal.
Please RSVP to Jess Gillespie (215-723-3088).

Pickle ball for Jr. High Mentees and their Mentors!

Friday, Jan 6, 6:30 to 8:30 in the SMC gym.

We need 12 pairs, so we will take the first 12 Mentor pairs who RSVP to Rhonda Ruth mmrrr@comcast.net or call #215-565-5103. Enjoy refreshments afterwards! P.S. We will be planning a February date for our Senior High Mentees and their Mentors.

Sr. High Fondue Party ~ Friday, January 6th ~ 5:30pm

Hosted by the Gillespie's: 723 Indian Creek Rd, Telford

Congregational Budget Meeting ~ January 15th during Sunday School

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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MYF Dinner & Fundraiser Auction

Saturday January 28th

Dinner: 5-6pm, Live Auction: 6:30pm

The Congregation is invited to a night of food and fellowship prepared & served 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.

Save the Date!!

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.**



2017 Offering Envelopes are in your Church Mailboxes.

If anyone WOULD LIKE an envelope # (or a church mailbox) who does not have one now, please contact the church office:

jgillespie@soudertonmennonite.org or call #215-723-3088.

Service Opportunities 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 December 18, 2016

Worship Service Attendance: 413

Choir Program Attendance: 217

MEP ~ \$34,608 ❖ Missions ~ \$699 ❖ General Fund ~ \$43,395

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 MEP Financial Commitment ~ \$14,861

Balance to fund the remaining 2016 General Budget ~ \$147,529

This week at a glance...

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

Message by Pastor Josh Jefferson

10:30am

Worship Service

No Sunday School



Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Church Office Closed

7pm

Young Adult Volleyball

Wednesday, December 28

Church Office Closed

7pm

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

Thursday, December 29

7 to 9pm

Men's Over-40 Basketball, WSCC

7:30pm

A.A. Big Book Step Study, Rm 313/315

Sunday, January 1st ~ New Years Day

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

10:30am

Worship Service

No Sunday School

5 to 7pm

Pickleball, WSCC



Tuesday, January 3

9am to 3pm

Quilt N Knot Ministry, Fellowship Hall

7pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Main Lobby

Wednesday, January 4

12pm ~ Seniors Luncheon with a special concert by Pastor Tim!

Please RSVP to Jess Gillespie or churchoffice@soudertonmennonite.org