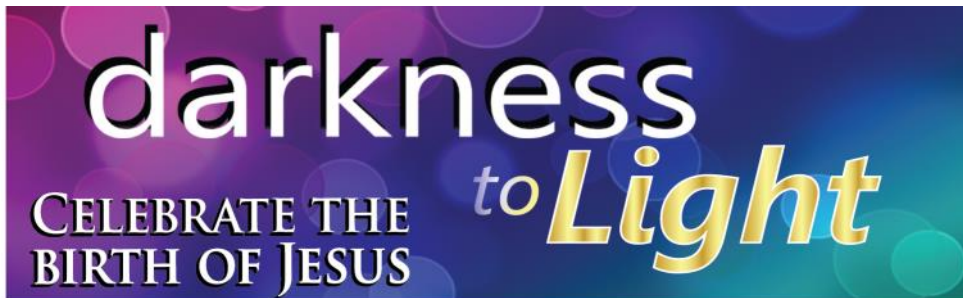


Souderton Mennonite Church ~ 12/3/2017



"Deck the Halls" ~ *GotStrings Youth Orchestra*

"Hymn #174, "Bless'd Be The God Of Israel"

"An Advent Carol" (Dengler) ~ *Adult Choir*

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor Jenifer Eriksen Morales*

"Emmanuel, Expected Jesus" (Schram) ~ *Adult Choir*

Lighting the Candle of *Hope* ~ *Nick & Katie Wieder*

SS#16, "Peace Before Us" vs 1,4,5

"Children's Story" ~ *Rita Hoover*

"Open Up The Heavens", "Behold Our God", "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor John Engle*

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

Offering ~ "Silent Night" ~ *GotStrings*

Scripture: Isaiah 64:4-5, John 1:1-9 ~ *Kirby & Lydia King*

Message: "The True Light That Gives Light to Everyone" ~ *Pastor Tim Bentch*

Hymn #516, "Just As I Am"

Benediction

*SMC Nursery Care is available each Sunday morning during Worship and Sunday School. Loving caregivers will be in the Toddlers Nursery each week to care for your infants-3 years old.*

*Following our service, members of our Prayer Team are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.*

*Sunday School for all ages will begin at 10:50am. Stop by the Welcome Table for a listing of our classes and their locations.*



# Holiday Services

## **Carols & Cookies, Sunday, Dec.3, 6pm**

Hymn Sing & Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please bring cookies to share.**

## **Young Adult Brunch ~ Sunday, Dec. 17th, 11am**

## **Longest Night Service ~ Thursday, Dec. 21st, 6:30pm**

## **Christmas Eve Service ~ Sunday, Dec. 24th, 2pm**

(In lieu of a morning service)

This afternoon service includes an original play and music written & performed by members of SMC which tells of Jesus' birth through the eyes of a shepherd boy. We will also worship together by singing hymns, scripture and special music by our SMC Choirs to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## **Christmas Eve Service ~ Sunday, Dec. 24th, 6:30pm**

Celebrating the birth of Christ with readings, carols, prayers, hymns and candlelight worship.

**Women's Walking Group** - Are you looking for a fun way to exercise and be with people? Come join the walking group **Mondays from 7-8pm**. Meet at SMC's front doors rain or shine. Any questions contact Thea Moyer #267-882-6305. **Join us on December 18th as we Christmas Carol around town.**

## **SMC Praise!**

**Thank you to each of you for your prayers and support** as we have been looking to fill the Administrative Assistant position here in the SMC office. We are thrilled to announce that Karen Bennett has begun working part time in the office this week!. In addition to Karen, Phil Detweiler will also be joining our team part time as the Facility & Events Coordinator. (Hythem Salem will continue in his role as Head Custodian.)

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**Sunday, January 15, 2018**

**Congregational Meeting during Sunday School**

No Adult Sunday School



Church  
Budget  
Meeting



**Give the gift of WARMTH this winter!** Hats, gloves, mittens and scarves are being collected to distribute to our PACT & Head Start families as well as for Keystone Opportunity Center to share with local families in need. Drop off items between Nov. 12 - Dec. 17 in the Main Lobby & at the Children's Department reception desk.



**Our 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 mentor pairs this Holiday season!**

**Grocery Cards to Landis, Giant and ShopRite make great GIFTS and help support our Women's Ministry.** For every \$100 of gift cards purchased, the Women's Ministry Fund receives \$5. Pick up an order form by the Mission Table and return to the Church Office mailbox.



**Service opportunity.** There is still room to join the Hope for Health mission trips to Haiti in January. The first trip, December 30 - January 6 is perfect for college students still on break. The second trip is January 6 - January 13. It is also possible to stay for both weeks! Contact Mary Benner if interested at [mbenner248@gmail.com](mailto:mbenner248@gmail.com).

**YOUTH Activities**

**Friday, 12/8 ~ Sr. High** Christmas Party at the McQuade's, 6:30pm  
**Saturday, 12/16 ~ Jr. High** Christmas Party in the Youth Center, 6-9pm

**Statistics for the Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Worship Service Attendance: 255

Offering for PACT ~ \$3,739

**Statistics for Sunday, November 26, 2017**

Worship Service Attendance: 321

MEP ~ \$3,760 ❖ Missions ~ \$723 ❖ General Fund ~ \$12,723

PACT offering to date: \$22,469 (\$38,000 Needed)

Balance to fund the remaining 2017 MEP Financial Commitment ~ \$50,643

Balance to fund the remaining 2017 General Budget ~ \$214,032

# This week at a glance...

## Sunday, December 3

8:15 to 9am

9:30am

**10:50am**

**6pm**

5 to 7pm

**First Sunday of Advent ~ "Darkness to Light"**

Message by Pastor Tim Benth ~ Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer Gathering

Worship Service

**Sunday School for all ages**

**Carols & Cookies, Fellowship Hall**

Pickleball, WSCC



## Monday, December 4

6 to 7pm

7pm

Glory Ringers Hand Bell Practice, *Room 112*

Women's Walking Group, *Main Entrance*

## Tuesday, December 5

**9am to 3pm**

7 to 10pm

**Quilt N Knot Ministry, Fellowship Hall**

Young Adult Volleyball, WSCC

## Wednesday, December 6

**Community Meal**

**6 to 6:45pm ~ Fellowship Hall**

**BBQ Ham Sandwich, Veggie Soup, Salad and Desserts**

**Hosted by the Genesis Sunday School Class**

7 to 8pm

Clubs (age 3 to 5th grade), *Children's Dpt.*

7 to 8pm

Youth (6 to 12th), *Youth Center*

7 to 8pm

Unique Women Hang Out, *Nook*

7 to 8pm

Men's Bible Study

7 to 8pm

Women's Bible Study, *Rm 119*

7pm

Adult Choir Practice, *Choir Room*

## Thursday, December 7

7:30 to 9pm

Men's Over-40 Basketball, WSCC

## Friday, December 8

**6:30 to 10pm**

**Sr. High Christmas Party, McQuade's House**

## Sunday, December 10

8:15 to 9am

9:30am

**10:50am**

**2 to 4pm**

5 to 7pm

**Second Sunday of Advent ~ "Darkness to Light"**

Message by Pastor John Engle ~ Isaiah 40:1-11

Prayer Gathering

Worship Service

**Sunday School for all ages**

**Hope for Health, Haiti supply packing, Fellowship Hall**

Pickleball, WSCC

## SMC Office Hours:

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



October 4th - December 13th

Community Meal: 6:00 to 6:45 PM

10/04—Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Salad, Dessert

10/11—Beef BBQ, Tator Tots, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

10/18—Chicken Alfredo, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

10/25—Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

11/01—Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

11/8—Egg Casserole, Fruit Salad, Dessert

11/15—Spaghetti Pie, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

11/22—Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm

~ No meal served tonight

11-29—baked Chicken, Potatoes, Veggie, Salad, Dessert

12/06—BBQ Ham Sandwich, Veggie Soup, Salad, Dessert

12/13—Mexican Surprise, Veggie, Salad, Dessert



## October 4th—December 13th

Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) 6-6:45pm

Joyful Noise 6:15 - 7pm  
Singing & Hand bells for grades 2-8

Youth Activities (Youth Center) 7-8pm  
For grades 6-12

Boy's, Girl's, & PK Club (Children's Dept.) 7-8pm  
For ages 4 - 5th grade

Unique Women Hang-Out (Nook) 7-8pm  
Young Women with differing abilities

Women's Bible Study (Room 119) 7-8pm  
"Getting to Know God"...a study of God's character using scriptural names that provide a glimpse of who our God really is.

Men's Bible Study 7-8pm

Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7-8:30 pm

Divorce Care (Connections Café) 7-8:30pm  
Support, counsel & encouragement to people who have been through the pain of divorce or are separated from their spouse.