

Souderton Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 26, 2017

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9:30am Worship Service

Hymn #355, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Welcome ~ *Betty Miner*

Mission Moment ~ *Susie Moore, City Service Mission*

"10,000 Reasons"

"Just As I Am"

Hymn #521, "Come Thou Fount"

Children's Story ~ *Deb Brunk*

Hymn #352 & Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

Offering ~ *Bekah Wieder*

Scripture: John 10:1-21 ~ *Rich and Dawn Moore*

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

Message: "The Sacrificial Shepherd" ~ *Pastor John Engle*

"I Surrender All"

Benediction ~ *Pastor Tim*

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.



Meet & Greet, happening today! If you have been attending SMC for a few weeks (or a few years!) and would like to learn more about our church and/or how to become a member, please join in the Main Lobby during Sunday School for an informal gathering and hear ways you can become more connected at SMC.

Women Empowering Women with MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates): Come join us to learn about issues facing women entrepreneurs in Libya and the ways that MEDA is empowering them to build strong families and communities! Women Empowering Women meets quarterly to promote the importance of women's economic empowerment as a catalyst for positive change in the world. For more information visit our website www.meda.org/wew. Next event: **March 30, 7-8:30p.m.** at Harleysville Party Rental (851 Maple Avenue Harleysville, PA 19438). RSVP to Allison Nafziger: anafziger@meda.org, 717-560-6546.



Next Sunday, April 2 ~ Join us for a Fellowship Potluck lunch after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a dish to share.



Sunday, April 2 ~ Mentor/Mentee Bowling Night, 5-7pm at Earl Bowl Lanes. Cost is \$20 a pair & includes bowling, pizza, soda & dessert! Please RSVP to Rhonda Ruth at mmrrr@comcast.net or #215-565-5103.



Saturday, April 8th in Allentown

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Day Conference

All men ages 13+ are invited to attend. We'll travel together by bus, leaving church at 7am and returning around 6pm. Cost for the day (includes registration, lunch & transportation) is \$68 for adults and \$53 for students (ages 13-22). Checks can be made to SMC with "Men's



Have you found us on Facebook? Our SMC Facebook page is an excellent way to keep in touch with what is happening here on Sunday mornings and in our ministries. You'll see pictures, videos & reminders of upcoming events. Search for "**Souderton Mennonite Church**" and "**Like**" us!

Awaken Conference – a one-day women's event at Leidy's Church in Souderton on Saturday, April 22, 2017. See Barb Moyer for more details.

Easter Services

Good Friday Service - Friday, April 14 - 6:30pm

A service of remembrance including communion
and special music by our SMC Choir

Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 15 - 10am

Easter Service - Sunday, April 16 - 9:30am

“The Triumph of the Cross”



April 23, 2017 ~ Gifts Discovery Workshop ~ 11am to 1pm

Come and discover/confirm what your God-given gifts are.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this workshop to learn about their Gifts, Passions, Learning/Behavioral Style, and how their life experiences and training have shaped their Journey toward Christ! This is also a step in exploring membership here at SMC. Registration is required because there's pre-workshop homework. To register, contact the church office at #215-723-3088.



Are you interested in learning more about baptism including the meaning and symbols of baptism? Are you ready to be baptized? Contact Pastor Tim at tbentch@soudertonmennonite.org or 215-723-3088.

MEP Meetings: (Mennonite Education Plan) April 30 & May 7 during Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Eligible families who will be enrolling children in our church schools (Dock Mennonite Academy & Quakertown Christian) for the 2017-2018 school year and families considering enrollment are required to attend one of these meetings

March (MCC) Project is Hygiene Kits Use the provided cloth bags to assemble a whole kit or donate single items such as toothbrushes, large bath bar soap, fingernail clippers, and dark hand towels.



SMC's Vacation Bible School is June 26-30. Sign up to volunteer at the display table in the Main Lobby! **Register your children** and their friends to attend on our website at www.soudertonmennonite.org.

Interfaith Hospitality Network is coming to SMC for the **month of May**. We will need supplies, meals, transportation and overnight hosts. Please start praying now for the families we will host and think about how you can help!

This week at a glance...

SMC Office Hours

Monday (Closed) Tues - Thurs 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
215-723-3088 ❖ www.soudertonmennonite.org

Sunday, March 26

8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Sunday School for all ages
Meet & Greet, Main Lobby
5 to 7pm Pickleball, *WSSC*
6:30 to 8:30pm Hope for Health Haiti Service Night, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 28

7pm Young Adult Volleyball

Wednesday, March 29

6 to 7pm Joyful Noise (grades 2-8), *Choir Room*
7pm Adult Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
7pm N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous), *Rm 305/307*

Thursday, March 30

7:30 to 9pm Men's Over-40 Basketball, *WSSC*
7:30 to 9pm A.A. Big Book Step Study, *Rm 313/315*

Sunday, April 2 ~

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch & Guest Choir: Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir

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9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Sunday School for all ages
Noon Fellowship Potluck Meal, Fellowship Hall
5 to 7pm Mentor Ministry Bowling Event, Earl Bowl Lanes
5 to 7pm Pickleball, *WSSC*

Statistics for March 19, 2017

Worship Service Attendance: 338

MEP ~ \$9,716 ❖ Missions ~ \$1,351 ❖ General Fund ~ \$20,957



Souderton Mennonite Church

105 W. Chestnut St. in Souderton

Invites you to a

*Community
Easter Celebration*

Saturday, April 15th

10am to Noon

At the Chestnut Street Playground

Egg Hunt, crafts, snacks and prizes!

We hope to see you there...

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JUNGLE SAFARI

Summer Vacation Bible School

Souderton Mennonite Church

June 26-30, 2017

Get ready for a life-changing adventure that leads kids in search of a priceless treasure while enjoying singing, games, crafts, stories and snacks. Along the way, kids will encounter clever clues, mysterious symbols, and cunning creatures. Through Jungle Safari, they will walk away with solid truth—knowing they can always count on God . . . the greatest treasure of all!



Your kids won't want to miss this adventure! Secure their place on the safari by registering on our website or stopping in at the church to fill out a registration form.

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Sunday Morning Worship ~ 9:30am