

A banner for the church service. It features a dark background with a large white arrow pointing upwards. At the base of the arrow are two blue and white sneakers. The text 'WALKING WITH JESUS' is written in large, bold letters. 'WALKING WITH' is in green, and 'JESUS' is in blue. Below the title, the words 'Prayer. Worship. Life.' are written in pink. At the bottom right, the church logo is displayed, consisting of a white cross symbol followed by the text 'SOUDERTON mennonite church' in white.

# WALKING WITH JESUS

Prayer. Worship. Life.

 SOUDERTON  
mennonite church

*Sunday, March 11, 2018*

Preservice Music ~ "Come to the Table", "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

Hymn #26, "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor Jen Eriksen Morales*

"Open Up the Heavens"

"Behold Our God"

"God is So Good"

Children's Story & Mission Moment ~ *Kara & Grace Hackman*

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor John Engle*

Offering ~ *Kaitlyn Freed, Berdine Leinbach & Kelly Kratz*

"The Lords Prayer" ~ Movement by *Sarah Scorzetti & Brie Cool*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-30 ~ *Cory Longacre*

Message: "Rest for Weary Souls" ~ *Lorri Bentsch*

"It Is Well" / "When Peace Like a River"

Benediction

*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.*

*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. Our church service is now being shown live in the nursery for our children and caregivers to stay connected. Stop by and check it out!*

**Enhance your worship experiences each Sunday with the following aids:**



- Assistive Listening Devices
- Large Print Bibles
- Large Print Hymnals

Books and Devices are located at the sound booth (back of the sanctuary).

**NEW! "Orientation to Souderton Mennonite Church" Sunday School Classes**

**March 11, 18, and 25** in Room 117, led by Kirby King and Pastor Jen.

These Sunday School Classes are open to anyone who would like to know more about SMC's history, how we are connected to the local conference and hopes for the future. All are welcome, especially those exploring, curious and interested in membership.

## 2018 Season of Lent

### Lenten Prayer Relay

**February 15 to March 31** ~ Sign up in the Main Lobby for a date/day to spend in prayer and fasting and then 'hand the baton' to others for the next day. Let's cover our region and world in prayer!

### House of Prayer

**March 16th to April 1st ~ 9am to 9pm** - Our Fellowship Hall is transformed into a haven of prayer. We invite you to come and experience the presence of God as if through the eyes of a child. Approach God with openness, honesty, trust, carefree spontaneity, imagination, insistence and joy.

### Women's Lenten Retreat

**Saturday, March 17th ~ 9am to 3pm** - Enjoy a time of sharing with each other and directed reflection time in the House of Prayer. A soup and salad lunch is included. Sign up in the Main Lobby.

### Good Friday Service

**Friday, March 30th ~ 6:30pm** - A service of remembrance including communion and special music by our SMC Choir.

### Community Easter Celebration

**Saturday, March 31st ~ 10am** - Crafts, games, snacks, egg hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Invite your family & community!

### Easter Sunday Service

**Sunday, April 1st ~ 9:30am** - Come celebrate our risen Lord! Everyone is invited to fellowship in the Main Lobby after worship with coffee and snacks. No Sunday School.



**Souderton Mennonite Church is excited to be partnering with Souderton Area School District to show, "SCREENAGERS."** Use of technology is a source of tension and concern in many households.

SCREENAGERS uses funny and touching stories and scientific research to show how tech time impacts kids' social, emotional and physical development. The professionals offer adults practical solutions to empower the kids in their lives to navigate the digital world in a wise and healthy manner. These lessons are essential in today's culture. This movie is recommended to be viewed by parents with their teens and/or youth over age 10. **Please plan to attend the free showing at Indian Valley Middle School on April 4, 2018 at 7pm.**

## Service Opportunities

Join us today, Sunday, **March 11 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall to gather around a table with others to help **Hope for Health prepare supplies for their clinics** for the trip in April. All ages are invited, there is a way for everyone to help! Snacks and fellowship included!

### **Our March (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.

### **Sr. High Youth Service Trips: (Contact Pastor Nate or Jess Gillespie to sign up)**

- March 17 ~ (8:30am to 6pm) Work day at Urban Promise Ministries in Camden NJ
- June 10-15 service trip to Bethany Birches Camp in VT this summer, June 10-15. Contact Pastor Nate if interested.



**Help us prepare for our Community Easter Celebration, Saturday March 31st!** Pick up a bag of plastic eggs in the lobby, fill them with candy/prizes (no peanuts please) and return to the lobby. **Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up!** Sign up in the Main Lobby at the "Egg" table to help.



### **VBS Craft Donations Needed!**

16-20oz empty water bottles with caps are needed for a project. Stop by the VBS table in the lobby to see what other craft items you can donate for our VBS week this summer. Return your donations to the box under the table.

### **Statistics for Sunday, March 4, 2018**

Worship Attendance ~ 319

General Fund ~ \$15,423



Missions ~ \$441



MEP ~ \$4,490

# This week at a glance...

## Sunday, March 11

8:15 to 9am

9:30am

**10:50am**

**5 to 7pm**

Message by Lorri Bentsch

Prayer Gathering

Worship Service

**Sunday School for all ages**

Pickleball, *WSSC*

## Monday, March 12

6:16 to 7:15pm

7pm

Glory Ringers Bell Practice, *Rm 112*

Women's Walking Group, *Main Entrance*

## Tuesday, March 13

7 to 10pm

Young Adult Volleyball, *WSSC*

## Wednesday, March 14—Last Community Meal 6 to 6:45pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6:15 to 7pm

Joyful Noise Bell Practice (grades 2-8) *Rm 112*

**7 to 8pm:** 5th grade Graduation - 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 8:30pm

Divorce Care Ministry, *Connections Cafe*

7 to 8pm

Men's Bible Study, *Pastor Tim's office & Rm 301*

7 to 8pm

Women's Bible Study, *Rm 119*

7 to 8:30pm

Adult Choir Practice, *Choir Room*

## Thursday, March 15

7:30 to 9pm

Men's Over-40 Basketball, *WSSC*

## Friday, March 16

You're invited to spend time with God in the *House of Prayer* anytime between 9 am and 9 pm ~ March 16 to April 1

**6:30 to 8:30pm**

8 to 10pm

**Jr. High Mentor Pickleball Night, *WSSC***

Friday Night Lights Soccer, *Sr. High/Young Adults*

## Saturday, March 17

**8:30am to 6pm**

**9am to 3pm**

**Sr. High Service Day at Urban Promise**

**Women's Lenten Retreat, *Youth Center***

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