

darkness to Light

CELEBRATE THE
BIRTH OF JESUS

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light,
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. ~ Isaiah 9:2*

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

"Every Valley" (Beck) ~ *Adult Choir*

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor Jenifer Eriksen Morales*

"Comfort My People" (Callahan) ~ *Adult Choir*

Lighting the Candle of *Light* ~ *Nate & Val Johnson*

SS#16, "Peace Before Us" vs 3,4,5

"Children's Story" ~ *Jill Kaercher*

"How Great is Our God"

"Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us"

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

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

Offering ~ "O, Come All Ye Faithful" ~ *Glory Ringers*

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, Isaiah 40:1-11 ~ *Kelly Kratz*

Message: "Light for the Journey Home" ~ *Pastor John Engle & Pat Wajda*

SJ #97, "The Lord Is My Light"

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.



Holiday Services

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

Welcome home to our college students and working graduates.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School
for a time of food and fellowship.

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.**



2018 Offering Envelopes ~ If anyone WOULD LIKE to receive offering envelopes (or a church mailbox) who does not have one now, please contact the church office: jgillespie@soudertonmennonite.org or call #215-723-3088.

YOUTH
Activities

Saturday, 12/16 ~ Jr. High Christmas Party in the Youth Center, 6-9pm

Many Thanks for the cards, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. It is a blessing to be a part of a congregation that cares. ~ *Ruth Brunstetter*

Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake Retreat, **January 11-12**. Sign up in the Main Lobby or with Fred Cole (215-393-6754) if you are interested in a great time of playing, eating, singing and inspiring teaching. \$117 a person includes one nights lodging and meals Thursday dinner through Friday lunch. Key speakers are David Akers and Shawn Hart.



Sunday, January 21, 2018 (corrected date)

Congregational Meeting during Sunday School

No Adult Sunday School



Saturday, January 27th

Save the date for our annual Youth Auction and Dinner.

Doors open in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm for the Dinner & the Silent Auction. Live Auction will begin at 6:30pm. (Child care provided for ages 2-5th grade.)



Sunday, January 28, 2018

Mission Sunday and a Fellowship Potluck Lunch after Sunday School

Facility Rentals ~ If you anticipate reserving rooms here at SMC for an event, dinner, party, meeting, etc., please contact Phil Detweiler, Events Coordinator, a minimum of 4 weeks in advance of your event. Your cooperation is much appreciated by both the office and custodial staff. facilities@soudertonmennonite.org



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!

Statistics for Sunday, December 3, 2017

Worship Service Attendance: 376

MEP ~ \$8,129 ❖ Missions ~ \$140 ❖ General Fund ~ \$17,252

PACT offering to date: \$23,719 (\$38,000 Needed)

Balance to fund the remaining 2017 MEP Financial Commitment ~ \$42,514

Balance to fund the remaining 2017 General Budget ~ \$198,779

This week at a glance...

Sunday, December 10 **Second Sunday of Advent ~ "Darkness to Light"**

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

- 8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Sunday School for all ages
2 to 4pm Hope for Health, Haiti supply packing, Fellowship Hall
5 to 7pm Pickleball, WSCC

Monday, December 11

- 6 to 7pm Glory Ringers Hand Bell Practice, Room 112
7pm Women's Walking Group, Main Entrance

Tuesday, December 12

- 7 to 10pm Young Adult Volleyball, WSCC

Wednesday, December 13 (Last night for meal & activities in 2017)

Community Meal 6 to 6:45pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Chicken & Beef Enchiladas, Rice, Salad and Desserts

Hosted by the Junior High Youth Group

- 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 14

- 7:30 to 9pm Men's Over-40 Basketball, WSCC

Saturday, December 16

6 to 9pm Jr. High Christmas Party, Youth Center

Sunday, December 17 **Third Sunday of Advent ~ "Darkness to Light"**

Message by Pastor Tim Bentch ~ Luke 1:46-55

- 8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Sunday School for all ages
5 to 7pm Pickleball, WSCC

SMC Office Hours:

Monday (Closed) Tues - Thurs 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday - 8:30 am to 12:30pm
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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.