

Souderton Mennonite Church ~ 12/31/2017

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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*

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor John Engle*

"Hymn #212, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

"Here I Am To Worship"

"You Are Holy"

Children's Story ~ *Jeff & Elyse Hackman*

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor Jen Eriksen Morales*

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

Offering, "Adore" ~ *Sydney Leaman & Katie McQuade*

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10 ~ *Berdine Leinbach*

Message: "Special Community, Special Commission"

Hymn #389, "Take My Life"

Benediction

*"Ever-present God, you never leave or forsake us. Teach us to be faithful to
your call, to persevere in commitment and beyond all else, to know the strength
and joy of being near to you. Amen"*

*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.*

Connections Café, a Sunday School class for adults of all ages and stages of faith, will be discussing the vocabulary of faith, starting January 7. Are you puzzled by some of the language of the Christian faith? Words like eschatology, idolatry, and forbearance? Join us as we explore these together. We meet in the room across from the Fellowship Hall; we welcome all, whether you're able to come occasionally or regularly. Questions? Contact Debra Franke at 215-855-6383.



Meet & Greet, Sunday January 7th. 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, **we invite you to stay after Sunday School to meet for an informal gathering and hear ways you can become more connected at SMC. Lunch will be provided.**

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.

Service Opportunities

Our MCC Project of the month is dark or light colored medium weight hand or bath towels. Place donated items on the table at the mission wall.

SMC Video & Sound Tech Teams:

Are you interested in sound and video? Join the TEAM! SMC is looking for those who would like to operate the computer projection system, sound system or our new video recording system for worship services on Sunday mornings. Help make our worship services and teams look and sound great. Training is provided. Please contact Phil Detweiler if you are interested. 723-3088 x102 or facilities@soudertonmennonite.org

Saturday, March 31, 2018 Community Easter Celebration

Last year's Community Easter Celebration was huge success and we look forward to blessing our community with another fun morning this year. **We are seeking a group of volunteers to join our planning committee.** Could you help organizing tasks like collecting candy, the egg hunt, crafts greeters? Contact Pastor Jen or Sarah Scorzetti!



SMC Vacation Bible School (VBS) Save the dates: June 25 - June 29, 2018
The VBS Team is in need of a Décor coordinator. Please contact Sarah Scorzetti, Children's Ministry Director, with questions or interest!
sscorzetti@soudertonmennonite.org ~ 215-723-3088 x 108

Upcoming 2018 Events

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Wednesday Night Community Meals & Activities resume. A free meal is served 6 to 6:45pm with activities for all ages 7-8pm.

Sunday, January 14, 2018 ~ 12 to 2pm

Families with ages 3-1st grade are invited to the gym after Sunday School for a potluck lunch and winter themed activities. (1 parent must attend with each child). Please RSVP to Sarah Scorzetti by Monday January 8th.

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Congregational Meeting during Sunday School. (No Adult Classes scheduled.)

Saturday, January 27, 2018

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

Saturday, February 3, 2018

SMC Marriage Ministry hosts: The Great Date Night at 6:30pm.

An evening to laugh-out-loud and a relationship strengthening experience through music, comedy, biblical truths and real life stories. \$20 a couple includes a delicious dessert buffet, signups will begin January 7 in the main lobby.

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Hymn Sing led by Pastor Tim at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

Statistics for Sunday, December 24, 2017

2pm Worship Attendance ~ 625

6:30pm Worship Attendance ~ 195

MEP ~\$27,343 ❖ Missions ~ \$2,110 ❖ General Fund~ \$61,959

PACT offering to date: \$36,735 (\$38,000 Needed)

Balance to fund the remaining 2017 MEP Financial Commitment ~ Balanced

Balance to fund the remaining 2017 General Budget ~ \$90,133

This week at a glance...

Sunday, December 31 Message by Pastor John Engle

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

Monday, January 1 ~ Happy New Year!

SMC Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

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7 to 10pm Young Adult Volleyball, *WSCC*

Thursday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 7 Message by Pastor Tim Bentch ~ Isaiah 60:1-5a

* Communion and an opportunity to receive a blessing and anointing for the New Year

8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am **Sunday School for all ages**
12 to 1:30pm **Meet and Greet Luncheon, *Connections Cafe***
5 to 7pm Pickleball, *WSCC*

In case of inclement weather or other emergencies



Cancellations/delays of church events will be reported on our automated phone message. Call 215-723-3088 and press 4 for cancellations. Cancellations will be listed at soudertonmennonite.org, sent out by email, and reported on 1440 AM, WNPV. The worship service usually is not cancelled because of our in-town location.

SMC Office Hours:

Monday (Closed) Tues - Thurs 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday - 8:30 am to 12:30pm
215-723-3088 ❖ www.soudertonmennonite.org

WEDNESDAY SMC's Night

January 10—March 14

Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)	6-6:45pm
Youth Activities (Youth Center) For grades 6-12	7-8pm
Boy's, Girl's, & PK Club (Children's Dept.) For ages 4 - 5th grade	7-8pm
Unique Women Hang-Out (Nook) Young Women with differing abilities	7-8pm
Women's Bible Study (Room 119) "Getting to Know God"...a study of God's character using scriptural names that provide a glimpse of who our God really is.	7-8pm
Men's Bible Study	7-8pm
Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)	7-8:30 pm
Divorce Care (Connections Café) Support, counsel & encouragement to people who have been through the pain of divorce or are separated from their spouse.	7-8:30pm
Narcotics Anonymous (Room 305/307)	7-8:30pm

