

Souderton Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 19, 2017

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9:15am Worship: "Good, Good Father", "My Hope", "Glory to His Name"

9:30am: Hymn #6, "Here in this Place"

Welcome ~ *Sarah Scorzetti, Children's Ministry Director*

"The Love of the Father"

"The Wonderful Cross"

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (insert), "God is so Good"

Children's Story

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor John Engle*

Offering ~ "Beside Still Waters" ~ *Glory Ringers*

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

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 ~ *Emily Bennett*

Message: "The Cross that Brings Us Together" ~ *Pastor Tim Bentch*

Hymn #363, "Renew Your Church"

Time of Blessing for Joshua Jefferson

Benediction ~ *Pastor Joshua Jefferson*

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.



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!

Paul Bennet in concert **TONIGHT, March 19 at 6:30pm at Dock Woods Chapel.** Sit back and relax as Paul plays piano and a little organ music.



Seniors Luncheon ~ Wed. March 22, 12pm. Come meet Pastor John Engle! Please RSVP to the church office by March 19th.

Sunday, April 2 ~ Fellowship Potluck lunch after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone was 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 Conference" in the memo line. Sign up in the Main Lobby and drop off your payment in the church office mailbox.

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.



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.

Get involved at SMC...



Connecting with Others and Growing - Following morning worship, you may notice that a lot of people disappear soon after getting a cup of coffee. Many are heading to Sunday School (children, youth, and adults) which is where most people connect with others, enjoy rich fellowship, and go deeper in God's word and prayer. They share needs, pray for one another, give care, serve together, and become a spiritual family. If you are interested in finding a group, please stop in at the Welcome Table or contact the office. We are glad to help you connect!



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 attend our **SMC Meet & Greet, Sunday March 26th**. Join us for an informal gathering in the Main Lobby during Sunday School and hear ways you can become more connected at SMC.



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



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! We need 100 volunteers to make VBS a success!



Spruce Lake Church Match Program ~ You can help campers learn about Christ while enjoying God's creation at Spruce Lake this summer. We have a goal of helping to send 50 youth to camp this summer. To support this program, please mark your offering envelope or check memo line with "S.L. Church Match Program." **Help us reach our goal of \$5,000!** Families interested in a "Dollars Off" coupon for Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp may contact the church office at jgillespie@soudertonmennonite.org

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 19

8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Sunday School for all ages
Mentor Ministry Training, Fellowship Hall
5 to 7pm Pickleball, WSCC
7pm Paul Bennett in concert, Dock Woods Chapel

Tuesday, March 21

7pm Young Adult Volleyball

Wednesday, March 22

12pm Senior Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
6:00 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 23

6:30 to 7:30pm Support Group for Dementia Caregivers
7:30 to 9pm Men's Over-40 Basketball, *WSCC*
7:30 to 9pm A.A. Big Book Step Study, *Rm 313/315*

Saturday, March 25

10am to 10pm Sr. High Winter Blast Event

Sunday, March 26 ~

Message by Tim Bentsch
8:15 to 9am Prayer Gathering
9:30am Worship Service
10:50am Sunday School for all ages
Meet & Greet, Main Lobby

Statistics for March 12, 2017

Worship Service Attendance: 397

MEP ~ \$3,895 ❖ Missions ~ \$823 ❖ General Fund ~ \$13,482