



Sunday, March 18, 2018

"Hear our Praises"

Welcome & Announcements ~ *Pastor John Engle*

Hymn #11, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

"Jesus Messiah"

"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Children's Story ~ *Sarah Scorzetti*

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor Jen Eriksen Morales*

Offering

Children ages 3 to K are invited to the lobby to meet for Children's Church

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-18

Message: "The Ministry of Prayer" ~ *Pastor Tim Bentsch*

Hymn #575, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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 shown live in the nursery for our children and caregivers to stay connected. Stop by and check it out!

Children's Ministry Offering Project

A special offering will be taken on **Sunday, March 25th** for Samaritan Feet (Shoes of Hope), that distributes shoes and compassion in the US and around the world.



\$20 buys one pair of shoes! Help our children collect money to help other children around the world! Checks can be written to SMC with "Samaritans Feet" in the memo line.

2018 Season of Lent

Lenten Prayer Gatherings

As we wrap up the Lenten prayer relay, there will be prayer meetings the next two Wednesdays, **March 21 and 28 at 7:00 pm** in the lobby. Please join us as we intercede for our region, nation and world along with church needs.

House of Prayer

March 16th to April 1st ~ 9am to 9pm - Our Fellowship Hall is transformed into a haven of prayer. The theme, "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" invites you to come and experience the presence of God as if through the eyes of a child with openness, honesty, trust, carefree spontaneity, imagination, insistence and joy.

Good Friday Service

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

Community Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 31st ~ 10am - Join us in the WSCC for 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. There will be no Sunday School.



Souderton Mennonite Church is excited to be partnering with Souderton Area School District to show the movie, "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. 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.**

Sunday, April 15 during Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

Service Opportunities



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.

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.



Vacation Bible School, June 25-29

- 16-20oz empty water bottles with caps are needed and you can 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 items to the box under the table.
- Registration is open! Invite your friends and family for a week of fun!
- Volunteers are needed to be guides and help lead games, crafts and snack prep.

Looking for a new way to serve? Hope for Health has three upcoming opportunities to be part of a team to run clinics in remote villages in Haiti. No experience or particular skills are necessary, just an open heart.

- Deposits are now being taken for the June 30 - July 7, 2018 trip and sign-ups are open for the October 20 - 27, 2018 and January 5 - 12, 2019 trips. Contact Mary Benner mbenner248@gmail.com for details.



Looking for a way to serve this summer? Vocation as Mission employs young adults for 8 weeks of paid internship involving spiritual discipleship, leadership training, and professional development! Through VAM, interns have opportunities to work with a local ministry or business related to their field of study, explore social justice issues with fellow interns and guest speakers, and serve local communities through various projects! For more information, contact Jenifer Eriksen-Morales at 215-723-3088 x 104 or visit www.VocationAsMission2018.com to apply!

Statistics for Sunday, March 11, 2018

Worship Attendance ~ 318

General Fund~\$8,917 ❖ Missions ~ \$245 ❖ MEP~ \$4,194

This week at a glance...

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

Sunday, March 18

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

8:15 to 9am

Prayer Gathering

9:30am

Worship Service

10:50am

Sunday School for all ages

5 to 7pm

Pickleball, *WSCC*

Monday, March 19

6:16 to 7:15pm

Glory Ringers Bell Practice, *Rm 112*

7pm

Women's Walking Group, *Main Entrance*

Tuesday, March 20

7 to 10pm

Young Adult Volleyball, *WSCC*

Wednesday, March 21

7pm

Lenten Prayer Gathering, *Main Lobby*

7 to 8:30pm

Divorce Care Ministry, *Connections Cafe*

7 to 8:30pm

Adult Choir Practice, *Choir Room*

Thursday, March 22

6:30 to 7:30pm

Dementia Support Group, *Connections Cafe*

7:30 to 9pm

Men's Over-40 Basketball, *WSCC*

Friday, March 23

8 to 10pm

Friday Night Lights Soccer, (Sr. High/Young Adult), *WSCC*

Sunday, March 25

Children's Sunday, Palm Sunday

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

8:15 to 9am

Prayer Gathering

9:30am

Worship Service

10:50am

Sunday School for all ages

10:50 to 11:15am

Children's Ministry Open House, *Children's Dept.*

5 to 7pm

Pickleball, *WSCC*



**SMC
Office Hours**

Monday (Closed)

Tues - Thurs 8:30 am to 4:00
pm