



WALKING WITH JESUS

Prayer. Worship. Life.

 **SOUDERTON**
mennonite church

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Preservice Music ~ *The Walking Roots Band*

Hymn #46, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Call to Worship ~ *Pastor John, Jaclyn Kratz, Seth Detweiler*

STS#120, "Somebody Prayed for Me" / "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Oceans"

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" / "Lord I Need You"

Congregational Prayer ~ *Pastor Nate*

Offering

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 1-8 ~ *Pastor Jen*

Message: "Never give up - Things will get better - Keep praying!" ~ *Pastor Tim*

Hymn #546, "Guide My Feet"

"Blessed Are You" ~ *SMC Adult Choir*

Benediction

"The Lord's Prayer"

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!

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

March 4-25 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.



Saturday March 10th into Sunday, March 11th

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour late Saturday evening/early Sunday morning!

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** - As our Fellowship Hall transforms into a haven of prayer we invite you to 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 & friends! Volunteer signups coming soon.

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, "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.**



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!

Service Opportunities

Next Sunday, **March 11 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Come 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 January (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.



Candy & Filled eggs needed for the 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. We are also accepting donations of wrapped candies and small toys/prizes that will fit inside eggs.

Statistics for Sunday, February 25, 2018

Worship Attendance ~ 338

General Fund~\$14,983 ❖ Missions ~ \$1,080 ❖ MEP~ \$1,911

This week at a glance...

Sunday, March 4

8:15 to 9am

9:30am

10:50am

5 to 7pm

Message by Pastor Tim Bentsch

Prayer Gathering

Worship Service

Sunday School for all ages

Pickleball, *WSCC*

Monday, March 5

6:16 to 7:15pm

7pm

Glory Ringers Bell Practice, *Rm 112*

Women's Walking Group, *Main Entrance*

Tuesday, March 6

9am to 3pm

7pm

7 to 10pm

Quilt N Knot Ministry, Fellowship Hall

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Main Lobby

Young Adult Volleyball, *WSCC*

Wednesday, March 7

Community Meal

Egg Casserole, Fruit Salad and Desserts

Hosts: Seekers & Express-O

6:15 to 7pm

7 to 8pm

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7 to 8:30pm

7 to 8pm

7 to 8pm

7 to 8:30pm

6 to 6:45pm ~ Fellowship Hall

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

Talent Show—Clubs (age 3 to 5th grade), *Children's Dpt.*

Youth (6 to 12th), *Youth Center*

Unique Women Hang Out, *Nook*

Divorce Care Ministry, *Connections Cafe*

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

Women's Bible Study, *Rm 119*

Adult Choir Practice, *Choir Room*

Thursday, March 8

7:30 to 9pm

Men's Over-40 Basketball, *WSCC*

Friday, March 9

8 to 10pm

Friday Night Lights Soccer, Sr. High/Young Adults

Sunday, March 11

8:15 to 9am

9:30am

10:50am

5 to 7pm

Message by Lorri Bentsch, Matthew 11:28-30

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**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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January 10 - March 14, 2018

Community Meal: 6:00 to 6:45 PM

1/10- Tater Tot Casserole, Salad, Applesauce & Desserts

1/17- Chicken & Stuffing, Veggies, Salad & Desserts

1/24- Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Salad & Desserts

1/31- Meatball Subs, Veggies, Chips, Salad & Desserts

2/7- Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad & Desserts

2/14- Chicken, Potatoes, Carrots, Salad & Desserts

2/21- Hamburgers, Fries, Veggies, Salad & Desserts

2/28- Lasagna, Veggie, Salad, Bread & Desserts

3/7- Egg Casseroles, Fruit Salad & Desserts

3/14- Taco Salad & Desserts

WEDNESDAY SMC's Night

January 10 - March 14, 2018

- Community Meal** (Fellowship Hall) 6-6:45pm
- 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
"Who is this God that we worship?" We're looking at the character of God as revealed by God's names (specifically in the New Testament).
- Men's Bible Study** (Pastor Tim's office/Rm 301) 7-8pm
Studying the topic: Every Man a (Spiritual) Warrior.
- Adult Choir Practice** (Choir Room) 7-8:30 pm
- Divorce Care** (Connections Café) **Feb 7 - May 2** 7-8:30pm
Support, counsel & encouragement to people who have been through the pain of divorce or are separated from their spouse.
- Narcotics Anonymous** (Room 305/307) 7pm