



Weekly Connection Newsletter

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Office hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-1pm

Prayer Gatherings

Each Wednesday in person at the church office and on zoom @ 1:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID: 461 338 2306
Password: 6b0j8y. The zoom link is -
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4613382306?pwd=NU5Ra25uWmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09>

First Wednesday of each month @ 6:00pm in the prayer room (room 2), in partnership with Iglesia Cristiana.

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra
Contact: iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com

This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am

Join the livestream:
www.soudertonbic.org/stream
www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

Thank you for your faithful giving!
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

My journey with prayer is interesting. I was a very extroverted, active and imaginative kid, happy to say prayers with my family at mealtime and before bed. Mostly compliant to sit through the LONG prayers at church, though not without getting fidgety in my seat, and I would let Dad know if he prayed too long from the pulpit. None of these prayers were overly meaningful to me; it all seemed very boring and ineffective. What was the point? Some of that, I'm sure, was because I was just a child and needed to grow up a little. But even into my teen years, connecting with God in prayer was hard. To the point that I struggled to do it at all. I knew I should praise God for who He is, thank God for what He has done, ask God for what I need and what my loved ones need, and then thank Him for hearing my requests. Inside, all I could think was, blah, blah, blah...

That is, until I met a woman at church who taught me to pray in new ways. First, she admitted that everyone feels like prayer is boring at times. I was relieved to hear that I was normal and not irredeemable! But she also encouraged me to just keep at it and trust that joy and peace would return after a time. Secondly, she taught me to journal my conversations with God (about anything!) and then take time once in a while to look back and see how God worked things out to move me along in my spiritual walk. It's hard for me to describe the joy and gratitude I discovered when I actually did that. I have such a short memory and I can easily miss out on what God's doing when I don't reflect back on things.

Third, this woman taught me to pray with scripture in a way that made Jesus come alive for me all over again. She encouraged me to put myself into the biblical stories and then talk to Jesus about what I noticed, what I felt, what questions I had... and then



to simply listen for His word to me in the quiet. Now, I can often speak to Jesus as a brother and friend. Not always, but our conversations are easier, more comfortable and intimate, because I've grown to trust Him. As I've looked back, as I've kept practicing, and as I've let scripture soak into my soul, I've met Him there and prayer can actually be exciting!

I hope in this sermon series, you will discover new ways to pray and that it will become exciting for you as well!

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,

your deacon, or to head deacon Joan Hensel at
610-996-0113 or jrh267@comcast.net



RamPacks is a non-profit organization which provides food for Pennridge students on weekends and holidays. SBIC houses one of three pantries in the RamPacks organization. Many SBIC members help in different areas of food distribution. Here are some ways you could join in:

1. Join a packing team – usually scheduled once every 7 weeks.
2. Deliver the bins of food to three local schools on Friday mornings.
3. Pick up large food orders at Sam’s Club
4. Donate to RamPacks – monetarily, your time, or food items. Current needs: individual snack packs of Pepperidge Farm fish, chips, Fritos, pretzels, etc. Place items in the bin in the church foyer.

Contact Diana Moyer with questions or for more information.

Young Adults

Young Adult Meet this week, Monday at 7pm

Youth Group

No Youth Group on May 15

Zimbabwean Service on May 19th



Upcoming Sunday School class: May 19, 26, June 2 @ 9:30am

"Wrestling with the war in Gaza as Anabaptist Christians" led by Pastor KrisAnne, held in the Youth Room.

This study is based on a video interview with Dr. Gary Burge (New Testament scholar, specializes in the Biblical land promises)

It's Strawberry time!!

SILVERDALE BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH

Strawberry Festival

and Flea Market

8am-2pm
Flea Market
10am-2pm
Strawberry Fest



June 8th
165 W. Main St
610-802-0569

\$5 Craft Tables

Hot Dogs

Pop Corn

Kids Activities

Homemade Pies

Jams & Smoothies

Pictures with Strawberry Shortcake



- **May 13: 6:00-7:00pm @ Indian Valley Public Library**
100 E. Church Ave. Telford, PA
- **May 20: 6:30-7:30pm @ Free Fall Action Sports Skate Park**
670 S. Main St. Quakertown, PA

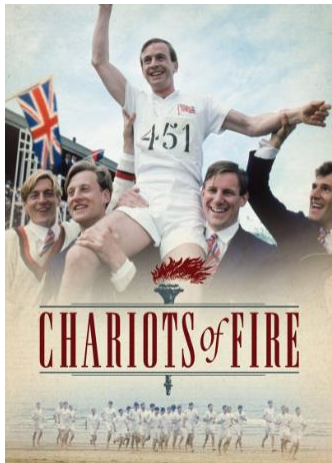
Learn about mental health & why it's important.
Tips and tools for supporting mental wellness.
Ways you can help reduce stigma around mental illness.

Sponsored by: St. Luke's/Penn Foundation

Chariots of Fire Bible Study

Thursdays May 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 7pm

Grace United Methodist Church
295 S. Main St. Telford, PA 18969
215-723-2144



Watch 30 mins of the film "Chariots of Fire" then discuss the biblical principals that can be found in the film.

Please park behind the church and follow signs to Fellowship Hall.

Calendar:

- **Sunday School @ 9:30am**
- **Worship @ 10:30am**
- **Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm**
- **Wed: Prayer on Zoom or in Person at 1:00 pm**
- **Wed: @ 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice**

Upcoming Events:

- **May 19: Zimbabwean Worship Service**
- **Jun 1: A Thai Taste of The Tide with Kris G. Dinner at 6pm**
- **Jun 2: Guest Speaker – Kris G. Teacher Appreciation. Luncheon after Worship.**
- **Jun 9: Sunday Serve at 9:30am. No Sunday School or Worship. Please sign up to volunteer at either F.I.S.H. or Living Hope Farm.**
- **Jun 16: Worship time changes to 9:30am for the summer. Graduate recognition.**
- **July 28: Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Park**

May Birthdays

Barbara Goebel	4
Fred Geib	7
Barbara Snyder	11
Georgia Myers	13
Lindsay Hess	13
Justin Moyer	15
Marie Alleman	16
Mike Folkerts	20
Mim Stern	20
Abby Alleman	21
Sharon Bucar	25
Shirley Zagorski	30

May Anniversaries

Rory & Lori Bencsik	13
Francis & Audrey Sims	14
Ray & Cindy Hess	17

Missionary Happenings

Be sure to check this area to find information on the missionaries we support:

- Josue and Mercy Abreu, Spain
- Mike and Lori Cassel, Guatemala
- Kris G, Thailand
- Jason & Rebekah Oberholser and their children, New Mexico
- Francis & Audrey Sims and their children, Rwanda
- Yosuel and Jacqui Medina, Ecuador
- Tony Beers, in transition from service in Zambia