



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

Potluck Breakfast @ 9:00am
Combined Sunday School at 9:30am
for ALL ages!
Worship Time – 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

As we quickly approach Christmas, many of us are busy planning for parties and reunions. We will be sharing food, gifts and time with loved ones. These will be days filled with noise and activity. Hopefully, it's good noise and activity! May I invite you to find some quiet moments, though, in the middle of the chaos (whether it's good chaos or just chaos)?

Take time to settle yourself into a comfortable spot - maybe in your favorite chair with your favorite warm drink, perhaps in the darkness near some Christmas lights. In that moment, prayerfully consider Christmas from God's perspective. Remember the deep love that drove him to take on human flesh. The mercy that prompted him to give up glory for the sake of His people. The determination to defeat the sin that was keeping us all captive. The humility to embrace the helplessness of infancy, the limitations of childhood, the dirt and pain and struggle of decades of life on earth. Consider the amazing compassion and grace that would move Almighty God to come and make His dwelling among us, knowing He would suffer and die for us. We who - time and again - reject Him, ignore Him, and go our own way.

Allow this incomprehensible Love to wash over you, even if it's only for a brief minute. Let it melt away the stress and tension. Let it quiet your frantic thoughts and exhausted body. Become a child in that moment, in need of your Father. In need of a Savior. Accept once again, the gift of our Good, Good God, who refused to leave us all alone:



The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father full of grace and truth. -John 1:9-14

Take a listen on YouTube at the link below! Theme song for *The Narrow Path : The Jesus Way*, by Phil Wickham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARSGgC9iQb0&p=ygUacGhpbCB3aWNraGFtIHRoZSBqZXXN1cyB3YXk%3D>

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,
or your deacon.



Youth Group Christmas Party Fun

Mennonite & Brethren Encounters

A non-profit organization focused on Christ-centered marriage.

Engaged Encounter

February 9-11 @ Kenbrook Bible Camp
Learn the skills you need to build a marriage that can thrive for a lifetime!

Marriage Encounter

Spend an entire weekend focusing on your spouse and your relationship with each other, working toward God's ideal for marriage. Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025 @ Heritage Hotel, Lancaster, PA

For more details, visit: www.marriageencounter.org

Matching Donations

for Hurricane Relief from Everence!

Time is running out for matching donations for Hurricane Relief! **Dec. 31, 2024**, is the deadline for Everence to match donations made to Everence Foundation dollar-for-dollar.

Find more information here:

<https://www.everence.com/landing-pages/corporate/everence-helps>

Our *Next* Potluck Breakfast
Is ***THIS*** Sunday, Dec 22nd starting at 9:00am followed by a *combined* Sunday School at 9:30am

Starting January 5th

BIC week of Prayer and Fasting
Missional Characteristics:
Examples in Scripture

Access two resources at:

bicus.org/tag/fasting/ OR scan the QR code to the right:



Coming in January

Sunday School

Winter Adult Class –



**Practicing the Way* Learning to follow after Jesus (Access the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos)

Scan the QR code to create your free account and start browsing.



**The Study of Romans* led by Dan Zagorski *continues*

Announcements

Joint Service with ICS on Dec 29th

Join us at noon for a meal

1:00pm Worship

Bring a side dish or dessert to share at the meal and enjoy fellowship with our sister congregation. We will join in worship to sing, pray and listen to scripture in both English and Spanish. Come celebrate our unity in the Kingdom of God!

Sign up for the Sermon on the Mount Memorization Contest*

Children age 11 and under:

Memorize Matthew 5:1-16

Receive a prize! A snack pack including fruit gushers, chocolate bars and candy

Youth & adults ages 12 and up:

Memorize three passages –

Matthew 5:1-16, 6:19-34, 7:13-28

Receive one of the following prizes! 500-piece puzzle from The Chosen online store; a snack pack including beef jerky, pistachios and a king-sized candy bar; or a \$25 gift card to Wawa

*Recite the passage to Pastor KrisAnne or Diana on or before March 2, 2025

Sign up for a Small Group! *Starting:*

Souderton @ Snyder's on Sun Jan 12th @ 6:30pm

Hilltown @ Swartley's on Sat Jan 18th @ 6:30pm

Lansdale @ Moyo's on Tue. Jan 14th @ 6pm

Calendar:

POTLUCK Breakfast this Sunday starting at 9am. *Combined* Sunday School this week at 9:30am. Worship at 10:30am. Kids will stay in Worship for 4th Sunday Celebration.

- **Sunday Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm**
- ***NO* Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person on Christmas Day ***OR*** New Year's Day
- ***NO* Wed 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice ***OR*** Youth Group**

Upcoming Events:

- **Tue. Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service with Carols and Scripture readings @ 6:30pm
- **Sun. Dec 29:** Joint Service with ICS Meal @ noon followed by Worship at 1pm. (No morning SS or Worship)
- **Jan 4, 2025:** Kick-off for Sermon on the Mount series with a MOVIE Night @ 7pm
- **Sun. Jan 5:** Start of BIC Prayer & Fasting week