

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=NU5Ra25u

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This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am Worship @ 10:30am with Graduate Recognition

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for either Worship service at their scheduled time:

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 begin a new sermon series on Exodus this Sunday, I want to highlight a couple of things. First, the word "exodus" comes to us from ancient Greek. It's a mash-up of two words: "ex" which means "out" and "hodos" which means "way" or "road." So the title of this book is "The Way Out." Certainly, it begins with a very dramatic story about God providing His people with a way out of slavery and into freedom. But if you look at the whole book of Exodus, it's about a lot more than that, too. More than half of the chapters actually deal with the people's sojourn in the wilderness, as they approach Mount Sinai and then spend significant time there while God communicates His Law and instructions.

The book actually ends with a beautiful description of the presence God descending on the Tabernacle. You may remember that when Moses approached Pharoah and asked for him to release the people, the reason was so that they could go into the wilderness to worship God. And finally, after all the trials and tests, victories and failures, the people are able to do just that. God's Presence, in the form of a great cloud, engulfs the tent that they built. That cloud of God's Presence remains with the people wherever they go. It's the place where they can meet with Him, offer prayers and praises, receive His blessing and mercy. They are finally free to do what they were created to do!

The second thing I want to note is that it is here in the book of Exodus that God gives us His calling card, so to speak. In chapter 20, just before God gives Moses the Ten Commandments, He defines who He is: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." Some form of that sentence is repeated more than two dozen times throughout the Old Testament. This is clearly how God wants to be known, as the One who delivered His people from slavery and into freedom. The One who redeemed them. The One who worked on their behalf, for their good. The One



who saved them. When something is repeated in scripture, that means it's important and should be remembered. Why? We'll talk more about this over the next weeks and months, but one reason could be this: If God did it before, He can and He will do it again. Essentially, God is saying, "I want you to remember that this is who I am and this is who I will always be for you."

I hope that thought encourages you as you head into the rest of your week. See you Sunday, for more Exodus insights!

Prayer Requests:

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

Mother's Day Flowers A Special "Thank You" to the

Bucars for providing the flowers last week!

Calling all MEN June 7th

The NEXT
men's group
meeting with
the men from
Silverdale BIC
will be:



- Saturday, June 7th
- 7am at Souderton BIC
- Light breakfast will be served

Please see Richard Alleger for more details.

Mark your calendars - June 8th:

Breakfast & Conversation

in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30am Worship.

Stay for breakfast and give input on these two questions:

- *How do we want to disciple the next generation?
- *How do we want to disciple people of all ages in our multicultural context?

Zimbabwe Missions Trip Upcoming Fundraisers!

The Zimbabwe Mission & Learning team is looking to raise \$5,000 to reach their \$15,000 goal

Sunday, May 25th Zimbabwe Worship Service. A Special offering will be taken for the Mission Trip

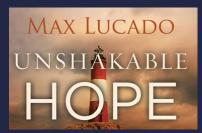
Saturday, May 31st Carwash from 9am-12:30pm at Union National Bank in Françonia

Thanks for supporting our **Fundraisers!**

Sunday School Class

Adult Class

Unshakable HOPE By Max Lucado



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*<u>The Study of Romans</u> led by Dan Zagorski *continues*

Announcements



Zimbabwe Worship Service

May 25th after Potluck breakfast & Sunday School. A special offering

will be taken to support our Mission & Learning team trip in July.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Mondays

May 19: 6pm @ Free Fall Action Park, 670 S. Main St, Quakertown, PA

Questions?

Email: PennFoundationQuest@sluhn.org



Community Worship in the Park

Join SBIC and local churches as we worship in community

June 22 at 10:00am
Souderton Borough Park
Wile Ave. Souderton, PA
*no Service at SBIC on June 22nd

Calendar:

- May 18: Graduate Recognition for High School Graduates: Unathi Mthethwa, Thelma Moyo, Jacob Snyder, and University Graduates: Kiersten Moyer and Heidi Swartley.
- Tue: Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- Wed: Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm

Upcoming Events:

- May 25: 4th Sunday Celebration Potluck breakfast @ 9am; Combined Sunday School @ 9:30am. Zimbabwean Worship Service @ 10:30 with a free will offering toward the Zimbabwe Team. Last day of Sunday School!
- May 27: Church Board Meeting @ 7pm
- Jun 8: Breakfast and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following Worship
- Jun 22: Sunday Worship Service in Souderton Park @ 10am with local churches (no Worship service at SBIC, and no picnic after)
- Jul 27: SBIC Worship & Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Boro Park