



## Weekly Connection Newsletter

**Souderton Brethren in Christ Church**

494 Cherry Road, Souderton, PA 18964

215-723-7452

[churchoffice@soudertonbic.org](mailto:churchoffice@soudertonbic.org)

and find us on Facebook

January 15, 2026

[www.soudertonbic.org](http://www.soudertonbic.org)

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>

---

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra  
Contact: [iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com)

### This Sunday

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

*Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm*

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

[www.soudertonbic.org/stream](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)  
[www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic](https://www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic)

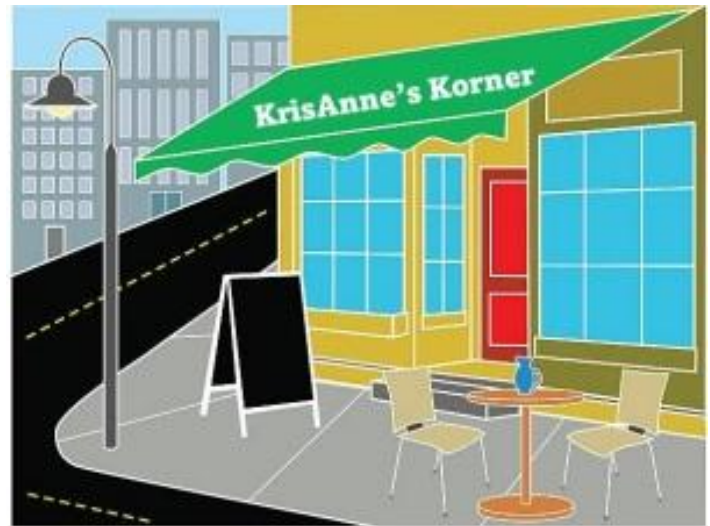
Thank you for your faithful giving! at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

This week's sermon passage (Mark 8:27-38) is referred to in a number of commentaries as the turning point of the whole story. Up to this moment, bit by bit, Mark has been revealing who Jesus really is - his divine power and authority, his mission to open up the Kingdom to anyone who would receive Him and not just the Jews, Jesus' union with His Father the One True God of the universe. Now it's time to spell it out clearly and plainly - Yes, Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Messiah, come to deliver God's people. He's going to fulfill the prophetic expectations!

But even as the - somewhat expected by now - revelation is written down in this conversation between Jesus and his disciples, it comes with a surprise... and not a welcome one. Jesus explains how He must accomplish His saving mission, that he will be rejected and will suffer and die and then rise again. Peter, in a moment of shocking insubordination actually rebukes his lord and teacher over this! And Jesus rebukes him right back, saying that he is wrapped up in human concerns and not the concerns of God. Jesus knows what He must do, and he takes up the painful task willingly.

Peter is a fascinating person to me! Maybe because I can identify with his struggles. He's often so close to getting it right, and yet so far from faithfulness at the same time. He knows who Jesus is, and Jesus says that upon Peter's bold confession, He will build His Church. Then almost immediately after, Jesus recognizes a temptation from Satan in the words coming out of Peter's mouth. Peter is courageous enough to walk on water like Jesus, but he also falters and Jesus must rescue him from the crashing waves. Peter is a leader among the disciples, yet he denies even knowing Jesus on the night of Jesus' betrayal. Peter is so human, so very much like us.



So as the story of Jesus' earthly ministry turns now toward the crisis point, as the conflict heats up and the tension rises; remember that Jesus knows exactly what He is doing and who He is doing it for. He's doing it for His Father and for us. For Peter and for you and for me. As imperfect and weak and human and as prone to making mistakes as we are; it was His desire to embrace the suffering of the cross to break our chains and set us free. This is our Messiah. This is Jesus.

## Communion Feb 1, 2026

### Prayer Requests:

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

## SNAP Benefits??

Did you know?

Bucks County: Approximately 47,000 residents rely on SNAP.

Montgomery County: Around 68,000 residents rely on SNAP.

*How you can help bridge the GAP:*

Purchase a gift card at Aldi, Landis, Giant

*Drop it off at:*

Bridge of HOPE BuxMont,

105 W Chestnut St, Souderton, PA

Keystone Opportunity Center:

104 N. Main St. Souderton, PA or make checks payable to: *Keystone Opportunity Center* with *Food Bank* in memo line.

Penridge F.I.S.H.: 800 W. Chestnut St. Perkasie, PA.



## Marriage Date Night

Friday, Feb 20, 2026

@ Calvary Souderton

A night of laughter & Music  
Information & advance

tickets available at

MarriageDateNight.com or by calling  
480-812-1100

**Thank you for donations for  
Wanezi BIC Mission**

**Our Goal was REACHED!  
The barrels will be shipping in  
January.**

## Sunday Serve

During Worship time

January 25, 2026

We invite you to join us NEXT Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> as we worship by rolling up our sleeves and packing bags for two worthwhile missions.

- 1) Helping Hands Missions in Phila
- 2) ESL students/families in our local area

There is a list of items provided at church, *AND* in the sign up Genius (Link below). Please check out what is needed, and donate as you are able. Come join the fellowship on January 25<sup>th</sup>! Sunday School will be held at the normal 9:30am time.

[SIGN UP for Sunday Serve donations](#)

## THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Sunday School classes for ALL ages

Nursery available downstairs

Elementary School (K-Grade 5)

Middle School (Grades 6-9) taught by Mike Folkerts

Adult Classes:

- 1) A Study on the Prophets taught by Dan Z.
- 2) Healthy Relationships study in the Youth Room

## Announcements

### Silverdale BIC Blood Drive Jan 28th



### **Volunteers are needed in the Nursery!**

Please contact Jen Eyth or the church office if you can serve.



**ESL needs** Safety Volunteers to serve in the parking lot before & after class.

### **Can't help Monday nights??**

**Volunteers are needed** to organize donations of clothing, toys and food items anytime during the week. Contact Mike Folkerts or Laurel Alleger if you have flexible time and can help.

## Calendar:

- **Sun:** Youth Group @ 5pm
- **Mon:** ESL class 7-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Precepts Bible Study @ 9:15am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm
- **Thur:** Worship Team practice

## Upcoming Events:

- **Jan 25:** Congregational Sunday Serve
- **Jan 25:** ICS Anniversary Worship and Celebration at 1:00pm
- **Feb 1:** Annual Business Meeting. Lunch after Worship. Please sign up! Main dish (BBQ) will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share.