



# 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>

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## This Sunday

*Sunday School @ 9:30am*

*Worship @ 10:30am*

*Guest Speaker: John Courchesne*

*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

For many Christians around the world this week marks the beginning of the six weeks of Lent. Often, people will choose some kind of fast during these weeks, taking more time to focus on prayer, confession, repentance and leaning into God's grace for our weakness.

Our denomination, the Brethren in Christ, traditionally begins each new year by calling for a week of fasting and prayer. If you'd like to make use of these resources during Lent, you can find the 2026 devotionals and guides here: <https://bicus.org/resources/prayer-guides/week-of-prayer-and-fasting/>

These weeks of Lent will be our last in the Gospel of Mark. We will follow Jesus to Jerusalem, hear his words about his second coming, watch Mary anoint him in anticipation of his death and burial, see him arrested and tried and crucified. Then on Easter Sunday, celebrate with the disciples as Jesus rises again. This is the essence of the Good News, the Gospel.

I've been thinking about the Gospel and what it is lately. We sometimes summarize it as, "Believe in Jesus who died for your sins, so that you can be forgiven and live forever in heaven with God." And that is true! However, the Gospel is also bigger than that. When Jesus started his ministry, He announced that the Kingdom of God was at hand. That's the rule and reign of God on earth, meaning that God was about to restore all that was broken by evil. All of creation. He was reconciling humans to Himself, but also breaking the power of disease and death, reconciling people to one another, and restoring the earth. In Revelation, there is a beautiful picture painted in words, of heaven (God's Kingdom) and earth, meeting and becoming one. And that is where we will dwell with God forever - no more tears or disease or decay or war or brokenness of any kind. That is the fullness of the very Good News of what Jesus has done!



Something our Thriving Congregations team has been discussing is evangelism, sharing the Gospel with people who aren't part of a faith community yet. I wonder how this bigger and fuller definition of the Gospel might influence how we share it with others. When we ask people to put their trust in Jesus and give their allegiance to Him, we are doing more than asking them to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. We are inviting them to become part of this big story of God making ALL things new, including us. To me, this is an exciting story to share!

## 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.



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Sharing Christ's Love With Those in Need

## My Coins Count



Start saving  
your  
change!

We'll be  
collecting  
coins for  
MRC during

Worship on **March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!**

## EASTER Dates

You are invited to join in the Easter events as we worship and celebrate with Silverdale BIC here at Souderton BIC for the following:

**April 2:** Maundy Thursday Service @ 6pm  
Meal, Footwashing, and Communion

**April 5:** Sunrise Service @ 7am, breakfast at 8am. Worship at 9:30am

## MCC Meat Canning *April 13-15*

You can feed hungry people around the world by contributing financially and/or volunteering your time. Call 267-203-8074 or sign up at [Meat Canning Sign UP](#)

*“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”*

**Mother Teresa**

## Overbooked?

**Feeling stretched, overwhelmed?**

**Children, Youth, Guardians,  
Parents, Grandparents  
are invited to a FREE equipping  
meal & discussion event**

**Where: Souderton Mennonite Church**

**When: Wednesday, March 31st**

**Meal at 6pm, Discussion at 7pm**

Conversations about living in our overscheduled culture. Childcare provided for infants –Kindergarten, activities for Middle School and Teens! Please register.

For More information and registration can be found at:

<https://mosaicmennonites.org/youthevent/>

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Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am,

**Guest Speaker: John Courchesne**

Nursery available downstairs, Elementary School (K-Grade 5) Middle School (Grades 6-9) taught by Mike Folkerts

Adult Classes:

A Study on the Prophets taught by Dan Z.

Healthy Relationships study in the Youth Room

## Announcements

### **Code Blue Shelters**

For emergency shelter -

**In Bucks County** call 800-810-4434

**In Montgomery County** call 610-278-3522

**Surrounding counties – call 211**

### **Behaving Christianly**

Moral Conscience & Responsibility  
in Tumultuous Times.

**Free Lecture Open to the Public Feb 21st**

Lecturer: **Peter Marty** – the editor/publisher of Christian Century magazine. Lecture at James-Lorah Auditorium, 132 N. Main St. Doylestown, PA.

**9:30am** Coffee & Refreshments; Lecture at **10:00am**.

Presented by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

### **Spring is Coming!**



Interested in gardening?

**A new Community Garden is coming soon at Zwingli's property on Wile Ave.**

To sponsor a raised bed, or for more info, please visit the Keystone Opportunity Center website or contact

Kristine: [kevina@keystoneopp.org](mailto:kevina@keystoneopp.org)

## **Calendar:**

- **Sat:** Behaving Christianly lecture 9:30am @ James-Lorah Auditorium
- **Sun:** Guest Speaker John Courchesne from Kenbrook, Youth Group @ 4-5:30pm
- **Mon:** ESL class 7-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm, Church Board Mtg @ 7:00pm
- **Wed:** Precepts Bible Study @ 9:15am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm. **RamPacks Fundraiser *Packing*** here at SBIC (noon – 4pm)
- **Thur:** Worship Team practice

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Mar 1, 8:** My Coins Count collection during Worship
- **Mar 1, 8, 15, and 22:** Membership classes during Sunday School hour
- **Mar 28:** Atlantic Conference @ Cross Roads BIC, Mt. Joy, PA
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