



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
My Coins Count Collection

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! at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I'm turning this space over to Daniel Castillo, our Director of Youth & Multicultural Ministries, this week. He recently spent six days with Mennonite Central Committee in Puerto Rico. Here are his reflections on the trip:

What comes to your mind when you think of the word "peace"? What does it mean to you? Is it something that you associate with a feeling inside, or maybe a more external idea of security? Maybe it's both? Many of you may recall this famous quote from Ronald Reagan "Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it". During my time attending a Mennonite young adult peace camp in Río Grande, Puerto Rico, I had ample time to ponder these questions and even discovered tools to help facilitate peace within myself and my community in a more profound way. Nineteen of us gathered every day for one week to participate in hourly sessions that discussed the many different facets of peace (all in Spanish). In a country that faced the struggles and fears of colonization, political injustice, terrorizing, immigration issues and assimilation, Puerto Rico was a great location for us to develop our peacemaking skills.

Topics we discussed included trauma, posture in conversations, conflicts, the upside-down kingdom, security, and the construction of peace. One topic that stood out to me more was the "matríz de conversaciones," or in English, "the conversation matrix." Aside from the adventurous excursions we took such as going to the beach, visiting a local female-run farm, and swimming in the nearby river; it was our sit-down sessions where the meat was found. This is where peacemakers built their spiritual and mental muscles to comprehend and hopefully carry that peace back into their communities.

When it comes to the way in which we express ourselves - what tone we have, how flexible we are, and where our hearts are - we may find ourselves in one of many dialogue categories and styles of communication. One activity we did used two partners with a question they agreed to ask each other. Both partners cycled through 4 types of dialogue - speaking with energy and enthusiasm, with an authoritative opinion, with curiosity, or with courtesy and understanding. The other activity showed us 5 pictures, each being associated with an animal that embodied one style of communication. If a relationship is less important and there is no strong objective, turtles like to avoid, whereas sheep tend to accommodate if the relationship is more important. On



the flip side, sharks disregard the relationship for an important objective, differing from the owl that collaborates with the other person.

Both activities showed me that the posture that we have in our conversations can be a powerful tool for peace or for destruction. Proverbs 18:21 says "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." We know that what we say comes from our hearts. And we pray that God can help us to bring peace to others and ourselves by what we choose to say! Imagine the amount of peace we can build just with our conversations!

Prayer Requests:

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



MATERIAL
RESOURCE
CENTER

Sharing Christ's Love With Those in Need

My Coins Count



We'll be collecting coins for MRC during Worship **THIS** Sunday,

March 1st & NEXT Sunday, March 8th!

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, Foot washing, and Communion

April 5: Sunrise Service @ 7am, breakfast at 8am. Worship at 9:30am, including baptisms and welcoming new members!

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](#)

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” – St. Augustine

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/>.

THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am,

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



Coming in Spring . . .

Special training on Personal Evangelism

Based on feedback from the church survey we took over the summer, Pastor KrisAnne and the Thriving congregation's team is working on material to equip each of us to more confidently share about our faith with people who don't know Jesus yet. Check back for more information in the coming weeks!

Everence Annual Report

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$2,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Jerry Rittenhouse serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

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

Calendar:

- **Sun:** Membership classes during Sunday School hour, My Coins Count collection during Worship, Youth Group @ 4-5:30pm
- **Mon:** ESL classes 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 @ 7pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Mar 8:** My Coins Count collection during Worship
- **Mar 8, 15, and 22:** Membership classes during Sunday School hour
- **Mar 28:** Atlantic Conference @ Cross Roads BIC, Mt. Joy, PA
- **Apr 2:** Maundy Thursday Meal, Foot washing, Communion @ 6pm
- **Apr 5:** Sunrise Service @ 7am, Breakfast @ 8am, here at Souderton BIC, Worship @ 9:30am with baptisms and welcoming new members