



# 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*

*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

When I hear someone refer to waving the white flag of surrender, I usually picture a soldier holding up a dirty, torn barely white piece of cloth, hoping for a reprieve from battle. Hoping that his life will be spared if he admits defeat and declares his enemy the winner. That image in my head makes this week's scripture text all the more interesting... because Jesus doesn't "wave the white flag" so to speak, to spare His own life. He waves it because He is ready to accept death. And He doesn't wave it at his enemy; He waves it at His Father, saying yes to His Father's will.

We'll be reflecting on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane this Sunday - I know, it's not even Palm Sunday yet, I'm skipping ahead in the story, but stay with me, because this year, I want us to look at some of the holy week texts we often skip over. Here, in the Garden at the foot of the Mt of Olives, Jesus surrenders. He surrenders to the One who sent Him, the One who loved Him, the One whose will was that Jesus would bear the cross in order to accomplish our salvation.

Jesus' agony in the Garden is only eclipsed by His agony on the cross. He sweat drops of blood, cried tears of sorrow and cried out in desperation... could there be another way, please? Could He be spared what's coming? Scripture doesn't verbatim tell us what the Father said to Jesus in response, but the meaning is clear enough. The Father said no to His beloved Son's plea. No, there was no other way. No, He would not be spared what was coming.

And Jesus accepts it. You've heard me talk about my own struggle to accept a "no" from God when I've asked Him for something, and I know I'm not the only one to struggle in that way. I'm strangely comforted to sit with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and to know that He gets us. He's familiar with the struggle.



I try to allow His example of surrender in the darkest of hours, to soften my own heart, a heart that struggles with surrender so profoundly. I try to mirror Him - to release control, to accept the Father's Good Will whatever that is. May we be strengthened knowing that we are not alone and suffering is not eternal, specifically because of Jesus' willingness to bear the cross and face its agony. If He had the strength to wave the white flag and accept the cross, surely we can bear our own sufferings and sorrows, too.

## 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.

# RamPacks Food Fest

Coming in APRIL



## 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/hand 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](#)

# Prayer Usher Ministry

Available before, during, and after  
Worship.

Beginning *THIS* Sunday, March 22, trained teams of one man and one woman will be available to pray with anyone who desires prayer.

This is a confidential and nonjudgemental time to release our burdens into the Presence of God. Anointing for healing is available.

## EASTER CELEBRATION

March 21 8:30am-11am



You & your family are invited for crafts, a story, games & breakfast snacks at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church.

## 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

***Starting April 12th . . .***



### **Special training on Personal Evangelism**

A “Pilot” six week Sunday School series on Personal Evangelism will begin April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room

All are welcome, and Pastor KrisAnne will be looking for feedback on the series so that we can offer this training in other settings. Come and build your confidence in sharing your faith!

## **Silverdale BIC**



Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” John 4:8

## **Calendar:**

- **Sun:** Membership classes during Sunday School hour, Prayer Usher Ministry during Worship begins, Youth Group @ 4-6:00pm
- **Mon:** ESL classes and Spring FLING 7-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm, Church Board @ 7pm
- **Wed:** Precepts Bible Study @ 9:15am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.
- **Thur:** Worship Team practice @ 7pm
- **Sat:** Atlantic Conference @ Cross Roads BIC, Mt. Joy, PA

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Mar 29:** Palm Sunday
- **Apr 2:** Maundy Thursday Meal, Foot/Hand washing, Communion @ 6pm
- **Apr 5:** Sunrise Service @ 7am, Breakfast @ 8am, here at Souderton BIC, Worship @ 9:30am with baptisms and welcoming new members
- **Apr 19:** RamPacks Food FEST @ Pennridge HS noon – 5pm