



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

This Sunday I'll be preaching on the parable of the vineyard tenants from Mark 12. It's not a happy story at all. There's rebellion and violence and in the end, judgment. It's important to consider what Jesus says through this unhappy parable, but for this newsletter piece, I'd like to focus on a different story about a vineyard and its owner. This one is found in Matthew 20.

Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner looking for men to hire to work in his vineyard. He finds some early in the day and they agree upon a salary for the day's work. He needs more men. He finds some a bit later, and they also agree to work for him. He hires more at the sixth hour and at the ninth hour. He even hires some at the eleventh hour. At the end of the working day, he has the foreman gather the workers and pay them, starting with the last ones hired and moving up to the first.

All of the workers were paid the same amount, no matter the hours they worked. The ones who worked all day long became angry; they wanted to know why the men who only worked an hour were given the same pay as they were given. It wasn't fair! But the landowner disagreed. He told them that they got exactly what they agreed to, and he reminded them that his money was his to do with as he pleased. And he asked them, "are you envious because I am generous?" Jesus closes the parable by saying, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Recently God has been reminding me of His great grace and generosity. I don't get more from God if I work harder, and I don't get less if my work isn't quite up to snuff. That's not the way God works. I already have all the love He could ever give. I already have His grace, enough to cover me for a lifetime.



And church... same for you. God is already pleased with you, no matter what. He already loves you, no matter what. As I'm often fond of saying: there's nothing you can do to make God love you more, and there is nothing you can do to make Him love you less. It's just not possible. Let's meditate on that before we dive into Mark 12 this Sunday.

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 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 @ 4-6:00pm
- **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 15, and 22:** Membership classes during Sunday School hour
- **Mar 17:** Church Board mtg @ 7pm
- **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