



# 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*  
*Sunday 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

Our scripture text for this coming Sunday is a familiar one, the story of God calling out to Samuel and Samuel going to Eli, thinking it was Eli who was calling him. Eli must explain that it is the Lord calling out to Samuel, and he tells Samuel to reply, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

We often focus on God and Samuel when we read this story. A less emphasized character who plays an important role, however, is Eli. Eli and his sons have been serving as priests at the tabernacle at Shiloh, and sadly, Eli's sons have failed to act with integrity and honor. They have violated sacrificial laws, had sexual relations with women who gathered at the house of worship and generally disregarded the Lord's commands (see 1 Samuel 2 and 3). We get the sense from the story that Eli himself is not as corrupt as his sons... however, he fails to hold them accountable, and so God holds Eli accountable. The high priest's whole family will be judged for the sins of the sons and for allowing that sin to go unchecked.

Eli is old now. He can't see well. As his life is winding down to a sad end, Samuel's journey is just beginning to take shape. And Samuel being under his care and leadership, offers Eli the chance to do some good even as he comes to terms with his failures as a leader. Samuel has much to learn, and in this week's story, Eli points him to the Lord. He helps Samuel hear the Lord's voice and listen to it. In the end, Eli himself comes to a place of surrender, saying, "He is the Lord; let Him do what is good in His eyes."

Eli reminds us - especially those of us in leadership - that we are a mixed bag. We want to do good. We do our best. Inevitably, we will do both good and bad things, because we are human and imperfect. Eli also reminds us that it is never too late to do good. It is



never too late to try again, to come back to God and His Word, to point people to Jesus, to admit where we have failed and make amends. I'm grateful for the witness of Eli's humble spirit at the end. I'm also grateful that he got to shape Samuel's character in a different way than his own sons. May Eli's "mixed bag" be a lesson and reminder to us all, to lead with integrity and to raise up the next generation of leaders with integrity as well.

## Next Communion Sunday – May 17th

### 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.

# Coming in May!

ESL End of Year  
Celebration! May 11<sup>th</sup>

Lots of  
games  
& food



Come celebrate with the volunteers  
& families as we close out the year.  
7-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall &  
Lower parking lot

## Barnabas Aid –

Christians helping Christians –  
across the globe.



Watch our documentary at  
[barnabasaid.org/FaithintheFire](http://barnabasaid.org/FaithintheFire)

## Coming in June

The Second Annual  
Community Worship  
Service in the Park  
is scheduled for  
June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
Mark your calendars!



# Prayer Usher Ministry

Available before, during, and after  
Worship.

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.



Is **HIRING** for multiple positions:

Learn more or apply online:  
<https://mds.org/employment/>

## THIS Sunday

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

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.

Personal Evangelism study in the Youth  
Room

## Announcements

### ***Continuing THIS Sunday: April 26th***

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

A “Pilot” six week Sunday School series on Personal Evangelism continues at 9:30am in the Youth Room

**All are welcome! Come and build your confidence in sharing your faith!**

### **ART in Sacred Spaces**

Souderton-Telford  
Historical Society  
presents



**May 16, 2026**

Tour extraordinary works of art, stained glass, & architecture *right in our own community!*

Six churches will be open for tours on May 16 from noon to 5pm

1. St. Paul's Lutheran, 107 W. Lincoln Ave. Telford
2. Trinity UCC 101 Main St. Telford
3. St. Philip Orthodox 1970 Clearview Rd. Souderton
4. Zwingli, UCC 350 Wile Ave. Souderton
5. Emmanuel Lutheran 69 W. Broad St. Souderton
6. Zion Mennonite, 149 E Cherry Rd. Souderton



Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased through the QR code (left), or the day of the tour at Zwingli (must start the tour there)

*"It is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes"* 1 Samuel 3:18

## **Calendar:**

- **Sun:** Youth Group 4-6:30pm
- **Mon:** ESL classes @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.
- **Sat May 2:** Spring Workday **RESCHEDULED** to May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8am,

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **May 3:** Guest Speaker Bruce Bundy
- **May 11:** Last ESL class before summer break. Celebrate with us from 7-8:30pm with a Carnival – games, food, face painting
- **May 17:** Communion
- **May 19:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **May 24:** Youth Group End of Year party
- **May 31:** Zimbabwean Worship Service, Last day for Sunday School before summer break
- **June 7:** Worship @ 10:30am, No Sunday School