



# 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*  
*Communion*

*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

On Monday night, we held a carnival to celebrate the end of our first year of ESL classes. The spread of food was abundant and delicious - hot dogs, tamales, pesto pasta salad, taquitos, popcorn and plenty of desserts and drinks. Carnival games included corn hole, basketball, disc golf, duck pond, soccer face painting and raffle baskets. We all continued to connect and build relationships across languages and cultures, food and laughter being the powerful glue that bound us together as the sun set on a cool spring evening.

A filmmaker from the national BIC offices joined us, recording a few interviews and capturing footage of the party. As he asked me to tell a bit of the story of how our ESL program came to be, I was reminded again of God's goodness and faithfulness. A few of us sensed that ESL classes might be a good way to continue our partnership and deepen our relationship with Iglesia Cristiana congregation, as well as the wider community. But no one felt like they had the expertise or energy to create the program from scratch. So we waited. We kept praying. Then I received an email from Beth and her team at Deep Run East congregation. They had an ESL program already and were looking for a second campus. The church board discerned. We put the call out for volunteers and held registration night, when over 150 people crowded into our fellowship hall to sign up for classes. For ten weeks or so, every single room in our church held a class. As winter came, class attendance dropped, but the quality of connections with our immigrant neighbors remained strong. And the friendships among volunteers thrived!

These connections and relationships have given us a chance to share our faith with students and volunteers who don't know Jesus yet. We've started a clothing, toy and food pantry. We've been able to pray with people and support them through difficult circumstances. We've welcomed new people into our congregation. We've been able to put flesh and blood to Jesus' commands - "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength...and love your neighbor as yourself." I hope you all - whether you have been able to be part of the ESL program or not - have sensed God's pleasure in this.



We took a risk. We stepped out in faith because we sensed God moving. We invested resources, time and energy into something new, not knowing what would come of it. Whenever His people do this, God smiles.

In the coming days, ESL volunteers will gather to review how the first year went and discern plans for next year. Pray that we continue to be both courageous and faithful. Also, there are still opportunities to connect with the ESL community! We have a few Monday nights scheduled in June, July and August (7-8pm), to gather in the lower parking lot to share extra garden produce, open up the clothing/toy/food pantry and play some games together. Not as structured as English classes, but still a valuable time to support our neighbors and continue sharing about Jesus. Praise God for opening this door for SBIC!

## Communion Sunday 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.

# Successful Carnival!

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

Lots of  
games  
& food



Lots of food, lots of fun!



# 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

Communion

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

## *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!**



## 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)

*"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up....  
He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the  
LORD has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12*

## Calendar:

- **Sun:** Communion, Youth Group 4-6:00pm
- **Mon:** ESL Volunteer Recap Mtg @ 6:30pm with dinner
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm, Church Board @ 7pm
- **Wed:** Precepts Bible Study @ 9:15am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.

## Upcoming Events:

- **May 24:** Youth Group End of Year party at Top Golf - 4-6pm
- **May 31:** Zimbabwean Worship Service, Last day for Sunday School before summer break!
- **June 7:** Worship @ 10:30am, **NO** Sunday School, or Kids Time during Worship – children will stay in the Sanctuary with their parents during Worship
- **June 28:** Souderton Area Churches Worship in the Park @ 10am. No Service @ SBIC Church.
- **August 16:** Silverdale & Souderton BIC Combined Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Al Reese Park, Silverdale. Worship @ 10am with picnic to follow.