SBIC CHURCH

Weekly Connection
Newsletter

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October 1, 2026 **www.soudertonbic.org** **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
Communion

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

One of my favorite things to do in Bible research is to trace a character's story from beginning to end and see how they change over time. Do they grow in maturity and faith, or do they descend into darkness and sin. Nebuchadnezzar's life journey had so many twists and turns; times when he was closer to God and times when he wandered far from God. Miriam's growth took her from nearly forgotten older sister to a prophet serving by her brother Moses' side in public ministry to God's people. Ruth moves from foreigner and widow to Jewish wife and mother, a matriarch in the family line of the great King David.

The book of Acts traces the experiences of many people who discover the Good News of Jesus and commit their lives to Him. We will look at one story this Sunday, the life of Stephen. His appearance in Acts is brief, but his story is powerful! The two characters I often return to in my mind, however, are Peter and Saul/Paul. As Acts begins, Peter plays an important role as leader of the apostles. Jesus told him it would be so before his death and resurrection. Peter definitely rises to the occasion; he preaches with passion and leads with great faith. But as the chapters in Acts unfold, Peter plays less and less a prominent role. Instead, Paul rises as a new apostle and leader in the church. By the time we reach the final pages of the story, Peter is nowhere to be found at all. It's all Paul and his missionary work to the Gentiles.

I often wonder how Peter felt about this change. Did he miss being the leader of leaders? Was he jealous of Paul's exploits for the Gospel? Did he resent the rise of Paul and the lessening of his own influence over the direction of the church? Or, as the years passed and his maturity deepened, was Peter at peace with whatever happened? Perhaps he found such contentment in Christ that he had little concern for the specific role he played in spreading the Good News.

How do you think the story of your life will be told by your family, years from now? What do you hope stands out in people's minds? How do you want to be described? Not many of us will have books written about us.... and I'm not sure I would want one written about me anyway... but I do think of questions like these, especially as I'm starting the second half of my life. At least a handful of people will remember me. What do I want them to remember? What would they say I valued most, spent the most time and energy on? How about you, dear reader...how would someone write your life story?

See you Sunday, church!

World Communion Sunday October 4th

Prayer Requests:

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

THANK YOU to all

who helped with Church Workday

Election Eve

Communion at Zion Mennonite

Monday, Nov 2, at 7:00pm

Join a local community of believers as we meet to pray and have Communion prior to Election Day.

Small Groups

A *choice* of Small Group topics *AND* evenings for you:

Monthly:

1) 1st Saturday of the month Oct-May led by Pastor KrisAnne & Jon Swartley @ their home. Book study: ***What Grows in Weary Lands*** by T. Warren
2) 1st Sunday evening of the month Oct-May: A study on ***Romans*** led by Richard and Laurel Alleger, at their home

WEEKLY:

3) Wed evenings: "I didn't say that, Love, God" led by Kristin & Lewis Munoz at SBIC 7-8pm Sep 16th -Nov 18th

The ESL Pantry needs shelf stable items:

Rice, beans, soups, cereal, baby formula

Fall ESL Classes Start THIS Monday, Oct 5 from 7:00-8:30pm

Sunday School for all @ 9:30am

- Kids Class for K-Grade 5
- Youth Class for Grades 6-12 led by Mike Folkerts

Adult Classes offered:

- A Study of the Prophets (Rm 1)
- 5 Postures of a Global Christian

Worship @ 10:30am

Announcements

Hayride & Corn Maze

R&J Farms

Wed. Oct 28th from 6:30-8:30pm

Please sign up/contact the church office if you plan on going.

$5.00 per person or $20.00 cap per family

We need to provide a count to R&J so let us know if you are going!!

Don't miss out on the **Youth Group Brunch** with Nancy Garis

Saturday,

October 10, 2026

Meet at Rockhill at 10am

Sign up at the back table in Sanctuary & to contribute to the brunch feast!

Calendar:

- **Sat:** Swartley Small Group @ 6:30-8:30pm
- **Sun:** Communion
- **Mon** ESL Classes begin 7-8:30pm
- **Wed:** Ladies Precept Bible Study resumes @ 9:15-11:30am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm, Munoz weekly small group at SBIC at 7-8pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **Oct 7:** Munoz Small Group 7-8:00pm
- **Oct 10:** Youth Group Brunch with Nancy Garis at 10am at Rockhill
- **Oct 11**: Alleger Monthly Small Group starts at 6pm
- **Oct 20:** Church Board mtg @ 7pm
- **Oct 28:** Family Night Hayride & Corn Maze at R&J Farms
- **Nov 2:** Election Eve Communion & Prayer at Zion Mennonite at 7pm