SBIC CHURCH

Weekly Connection
Newsletter

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November 20, 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

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra
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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
www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic
Thank you for your faithful giving! t the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I was reading a little bit about the history of Thanksgiving this week and was surprised to learn that President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation to the nation, to set aside the fourth Thursday in November for a day of Thanksgiving, was actually made in the middle of the Civil War. I had always imagined the holiday was created after the war ended, as the President sought to create a new sense of unity and peace within the country.

A day of Thanksgiving in the middle of war. That is a bold declaration and a big ask, for a nation in the midst of so much violence, turmoil and strife. I have a feeling Lincoln knew what he was doing, however. Even when things were at their darkest and he himself may have felt the waves of doubt that the United States could pull through this conflict and come out the other side, it was important to him to pause and remember the good and who had provided it. In his Thanksgiving proclamation President Lincoln notes the bountiful harvests and the growth of industry and population that the country was experiencing even as the battles continued raging. Then he says, "*No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.*"

There are many things to admire about Abraham Lincoln. This week, let's remember his leadership in guiding people into thanksgiving, even as so many of them were grieving, fearful, embattled and stressed. Perhaps this year, you can identify a little bit with what those people were experiencing. If so, I gently invite you into this Thanksgiving holiday, too.



Naming the things you are grateful for may help you see that life isn't all darkness and distress. Granted, it may not be all light and happiness either. Life is rarely all bad or all good; most days it is some of both. May the practice of giving God our thanks help us to hold both of those realities in our hearts. And may it grow our faith and trust in Jesus. In the darkness, He is at work. In the light, He is also at work. Thanks be to God. He is faithful.

Prayer Requests:

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

Come TO THE Table
THE CAMPAIGN FOR SBIC CHURCH

We are excited to begin this venture to update our facilities! Giving can be done with a Pledge Card available at the bulletin board by the mailboxes and placed in the Myers' mailbox.

Christmas Eve



Don't Forget:

Silverdale BIC Fall Festival

tomorrow (Sat) from 9am-3pm

Indoor flea market, craft show & bake sale.



Looking for a way to support the broader community during this season of giving?

We are collecting $30 Walmart gift cards to share with ESL families. We want to collect 35 cards for Christmas. If you'd like to be part of this collection, place gift cards in the church office mailbox by December 6.

Thank you for supporting immigrant families in our community!

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)
- What is the Church?

Worship @ 10:30am

Announcements



Worship *Together*

Worship with *Someone New*



Calendar:

- **Mon** NO ESL Classes 7-8:30pm
- **Thurs:** Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Events:

- **Nov 29:** First Sunday in Advent
- **Nov 30:** ESL Classes 7-8:30pm
- **Dec 5:** Swartley Small Group @ 6:30pm
- **Dec 6:** Youth Group Christmas Party 6-7:30pm
- **Dec 13:** Alleger Small Group @ 6pm
- **Dec 14**: ESL Christmas Program 7-8:30pm
- **Dec 15:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm