



## Weekly Connection Newsletter

**Souderton Brethren in Christ Church**

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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>

First Wednesday of each month @ 6:00pm in the prayer room (room 2), in partnership with Iglesia Cristiana.

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra  
Contact: [iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com)

### This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am  
Worship @ 10:30am  
Zimbabwean Worship Service

Join the livestream:  
[www.soudertonbic.org/stream](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)  
[www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic](https://www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic)

Thank you for your faithful giving!  
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

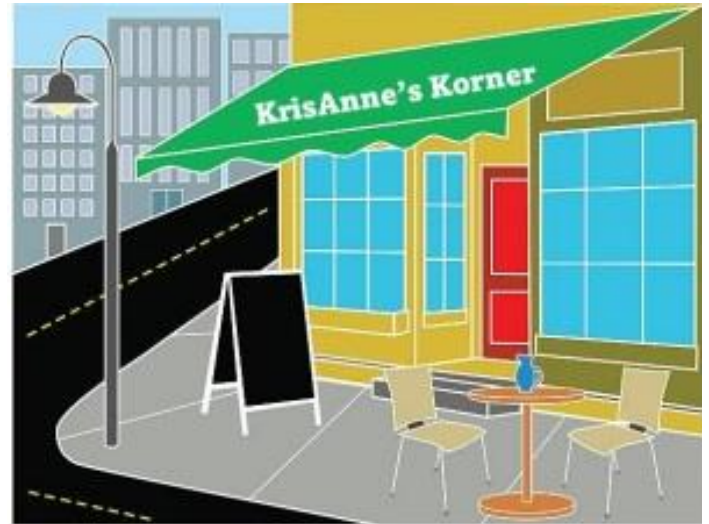
## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

We are in an extended sermon series on prayer. We've talked about simplicity in prayer - no need for fancy words or even a concern for theological correctness. We are invited to pray as children, to a loving and attentive Father who already knows what we need. We've looked at the idea of "praying continually" or "unceasing communion" with Jesus, making prayer the thing that holds all the other things in our lives together instead of treating it like another item on our to-do list.

Then we looked at confession in prayer, the importance of taking an honest inventory of ourselves in humility and then trusting the grace of God to embrace us, cleanse us, and make us new again. Last week we talked about partnering with God in prayer through action and intercession. Robin did a fantastic job of sharing how she partners with God through prayer in her work with World Vision.

Let me give you a quick peak into where we're going next. We'll take a look at the Psalms as an entire book of prayers, with lots of diversity throughout. Then we'll examine some of the prayers of the early church in Acts and Ephesians. As a fun way to wrap up the summer, we will look at the prayers of a few Old Testament characters: Esther, Jonah and Daniel. I'm pretty excited about those Sundays!

In the meantime, this Sunday is going to be a special day! We have the privilege to be led into worship and Word by sisters and brothers from Zimbabwe. The older I get, the more I realize how narrow my view of faith is, even my view of God. The Christian church is so big and it seems



to me, we each experience God uniquely from our vantage point... which is valuable, but also incomplete. Whenever we expand our horizons by worshipping alongside people from another culture, we can see more of God and our faith gets deeper and wider. I am so looking forward to this Sunday, and I hope you are, too. Thank you to our Zimbabwean brothers and sisters for leading us!

## Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or  
[KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org](mailto:KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org),

your deacon, or to head deacon Joan Hensel at  
610-996-0113 or [jrh267@comcast.net](mailto:jrh267@comcast.net)



RamPacks is a non-profit organization which provides food for Pennridge students on weekends and holidays. SBIC houses one of three pantries in the RamPacks organization. Many SBIC members help in different areas of food distribution. Here are some ways you could join in:

1. Join a packing team – usually scheduled once every 7 weeks.
2. Deliver the bins of food to three local schools on Friday mornings.
3. Pick up large food orders at Sam's Club
4. Donate to RamPacks – monetarily, your time, or food items. Current needs: individual snack packs of Pepperidge Farm fish, chips, Fritos, pretzels, etc. Place items in the bin in the church foyer.

Contact Diana Moyer with questions or for more information.

## Young Adults

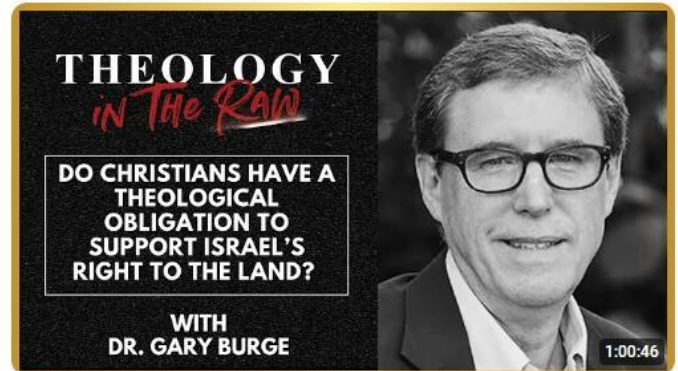
Young Adult Meeting this week at 7pm

## Youth Group

Youth Group meets May 22 at 7pm

## Upcoming Sunday School class starts THIS Sunday: May 12, 19, 26

"Wrestling with the war in Gaza as Anabaptist Christians" led by Pastor KrisAnne, held in the Youth Room.



This study is based on a video interview with Dr. Gary Burge (New Testament scholar, specializes in the Biblical land promises)

## It's Strawberry time!!

### SILVERDALE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

## Strawberry Festival

### and Flea Market

8am-2pm  
Flea Market  
10am-2pm  
Strawberry Fest



June 8th  
165 W. Main St  
610-802-0569

\$5 Craft Tables Kids Activities  
Hot Dogs Homemade Pies  
Pop Corn Jams & Smoothies



Pictures with  
Strawberry Shortcake





• **May 20: 6:30-7:30pm @ Free Fall Action Sports Skate Park**

670 S. Main St. Quakertown, PA

Learn about mental health & why it's important.

Tips and tools for supporting mental wellness.

Ways you can help reduce stigma around mental illness.

**Sponsored by: St. Luke's/Penn Foundation**

## Chariots of Fire Bible Study

**Part 2 - Thursdays May 16, 23 & 30 @ 7pm**

Grace United Methodist Church

295 S. Main St. Telford, PA 18969

215-723-2144

Watch 30 mins of the film "Chariots of Fire" then discuss the biblical principals

that can be found in the film.



Please park behind the church and follow signs to Fellowship Hall.

## Calendar:

- **Sunday School @ 9:30am**
- **Zimbabwean Worship @ 10:30am**
- **Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm**
- **Wed: Prayer on Zoom or in Person at 1:00 pm**
- **Wed: @ 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice, Youth Group**

## Upcoming Events:

- **Jun 2: Guest Speaker – Kris G. Teacher Appreciation. Fellowship Meal following Worship.**
- **Jun 9: Sunday Serve meet at your designated volunteer location at 10:15 am! No Sunday School or Worship. F.I.S.H (Perkasie) or Living Hope Farm (Harleysville).**
- **Jun 16: Worship time changes to 9:30am for the summer. Graduate recognition.**
- **July 28: Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Park**