

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=NU5Ra25u WmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09

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

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra Contact: <u>iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com</u>

This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am Worship @ 10:30am Guest Speaker: Kris G.

Join the livestream: <u>www.soudertonbic.org/stream</u> <u>www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic</u>

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

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Recently I've been revisiting one of my favorite books on leadership, Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership by Ruth Haley Barton. Her thesis is that spiritual leadership requires more than knowledge, talent and skills - though of course, those things are not unimportant. But true spiritual leadership demands that leaders attend to the state of their soul, pay attention to what's going on in their heart, underneath all the studying and planning and meetings and speaking. Leaders do this, not to make sure they're being good and perfect, but precisely because they aren't. Leaders are human and carry wounds and baggage just like every other human being. What makes an effective leader is that they address their wounds and baggage with God, and model what it means to be transformed in relationship with Jesus.

In short, the lesson I carry away from this book is: It matters more who I am than what I do. That's a bit of an overstatement of course, because it does matter what I do. But my little mantra tends to bring me back to my center when I've gotten distracted by my lists and obligations and responsibilities. When I repeat that short sentence, I remember how important it is that I keep checking in on my soul, with Jesus, and allow the Spirit to keep molding me as a disciple first... and a leader second.

Let me suggest that this principle isn't just for leaders, but for all of us. It matters more who you are than what you do, at work and at home and in your neighborhood and with your friends and at your school. Your relationships will be impacted by the state of your soul. We all respond to people and situations from whatever is inside of us. So if we are carrying heavy burdens, unhealed wounds or unaddressed sin; that will show up to the people around us. We won't be able to hide it forever.



I invite you to pay attention to the condition of your soul this week. Talk about it with Jesus. Don't be afraid -His grace is more powerful than anything you have done or anything that has been done to you. You can trust Him. And remember, it matters more who you are than what you do.

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or <u>KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org</u>,

your deacon, or to head deacon Joan Hensel at 610-996-0113 or <u>jrh267@comcast.net</u>



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
- 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

Stay tuned for End of Year Party date!!

Last Week of Sunday School class this Sunday: June 2

"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)



Summer Service Opportunities Mark your calendars!

Intergenerational Activities



Friday, June 21: E-meal program @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 9:30am -1:15pm.

Wednesday, July 24: HIS, Hands in Service (near Calvary Church). Time TBD.

Interested in hosting a simple summer gathering? Movie night? Pool party? Other? Let Diana know – email or call!

Chariots of Fire Bible Study

Part 4 - Thursday May 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:

- Thur: <u>Tonight</u> @ 7pm Hospitality Mtg.
- Sat: Jun 1: A Taste of the Tide[®] dinner
 @ 6pm and an update about the media ministry in Thailand supported through The Tide[®].
- Sunday School @ 9:30am
- Worship @ 10:30am Guest Speaker – Kris G. Teacher Appreciation. Fellowship Meal following Worship.
- Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm
- Wed: Prayer on Zoom or in Person at 1:00 pm
- Wed: Prayer in Room 2 at 6pm
- Wed: @ 7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice, NO Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- 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.
- Jun 21: Volunteer @ eMeal 9:30am
- July 28: Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Park