



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>

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

This Sunday

*NO Sunday School for the Summer
Worship Time – 9:30am!*

Join the livestream:

www.soudertonbic.org/stream
www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

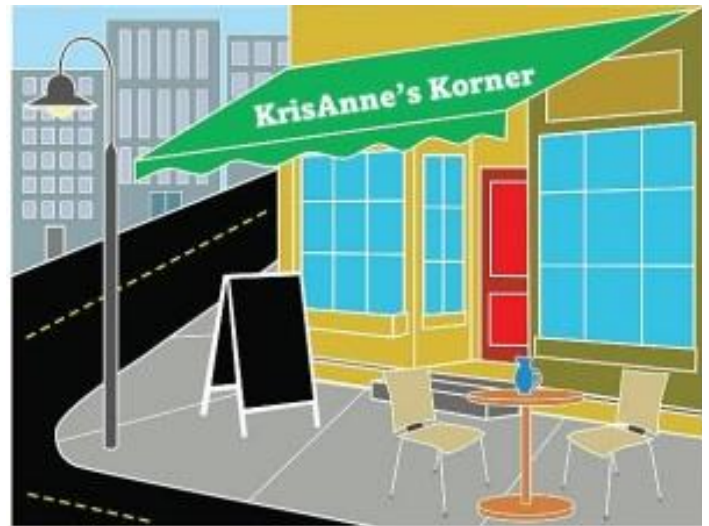
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

True confession - I don't like mirrors. And I like very few pictures of myself, to be honest. I have this sense in my head of what I look like and then I'm shocked (often not in a good way!) when I see an actual image. Is that really what I look like, I want to ask? Ugh! On the other hand, mirrors can be helpful if I have crusties in the corner of my eye or something in my teeth or a bit of lunch smeared on my cheek. I can't fix what I can't see, and I would prefer not to be walking around with any of those things on my face.

Switching topics for a moment, our friend Jonah is what we might call an anti-hero. Usually the Old Testament prophets are held in high esteem and lauded as faithful messengers of God who brought the Word of God to the people. Jonah, on the other hand, tries to avoid his calling, even to the point of asking to be thrown overboard into the sea. He's grumpy, disobedient, self-centered and judgmental. Yet he's the main character of this book in our scriptures, and he's the instrument through which God saves an entire people, the Ninevites.

Interesting, right? It makes you wonder what the point of the book is. Why does it put this unsavory character who behaves badly, even to the very end, right at the center? Have you guessed where I'm going with this yet? Jonah acts as a mirror for God's people. This isn't my original idea; thanks to Tim Mackie and Jon Collins of The Bible Project for the analogy! And if it's true that the book is a mirror, the image we see isn't pretty or pleasant. There's something



to be fixed. God is helping us see where His image in us has been smudged or twisted or damaged. And He wants to make us beautiful again.

The story leaves us hanging at the end. It closes with a question and just stops. Between now and Sunday, take some time to read Jonah and ponder the question at the end. Ask God what He might be showing you through this mirror. Even if you don't like the image you see, God is always for you and His mercy is never failing. You can trust that.

Communion – August 11

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,

or your deacon,



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

NO Youth Group for the summer.

Don't forget to pray for our College students:

Alex Blount	Stevens Institute of Technology
Justin Moyer	Liberty University
Kiersten Moyer	Messiah University
Immaculate Moyo	Messiah University
Grant Myers	Messiah University
Reid Myers	Temple University
Benjamin Swartley	University of Alabama
Heidi Swartley	Messiah University

Roxbury Holiness Camp

Meeting 2024

August 2-11

“Called”

How will you respond to God's call on your life?

Missions Day

Saturday, August 10

Summer Service Opportunity

Intergenerational Activities

Wednesday, July 24:
HIS, Hands in Service
(near Calvary Church).
1pm-3pm. Come learn
about HIS & Common
Good and serve in the
warehouse for a couple
of hours!

Sign up via **Signup Genius:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054FABAD28A64-49889307-summer>

Hands In Service



We are HIS!

Interested in hosting a simple summer gathering for the Youth Group?

Movie night? Pool party? Other? Let Diana know – email or call!

**It's
HOT
out
there!**



If you or someone you know does not have access to reliable air

conditioning, check out the Cooling Centers in Bucks & Montgomery Counties:

- Quakertown Masonic Lodge - 501 W. Broad Street - Quakertown, PA 18951 - 267-450-5191
- Indian Valley Public Library, Telford, PA



Christmas in July



Ten Thousand Villages in Souderton will be donating a percentage of all sales July 18, 19, 20 to Keystone Opportunity Center. Store hours: 10am to 5pm. Stop by to get a treat. www.KeystoneOpportunity.org

Calendar:

- **No Sunday School until September**
- **New Summer Worship time – 9:30am**
Kids Moment this Sunday –kids stay with parents during Worship.
- **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**
- **Wed. Prayer time in Room 2 @ 6pm**
- **Thur: Church Board Mtg @ 7pm**

Upcoming Events:

- **Jul 24: Summer Service Opportunity @ H.I.S. Sign up on SignupGenius**
- **July 28: Worship and Picnic in the Park with Silverdale @ Souderton Park. Worship starts at 10am. Sign up! Guest Speakers – Francis & Audrey Sims.**
- **Aug 11: Communion**
- **Aug 18: Guest Speaker - Dan Zagorski**
- **Sep 8: Sunday School resumes @ 9:30am**