



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.

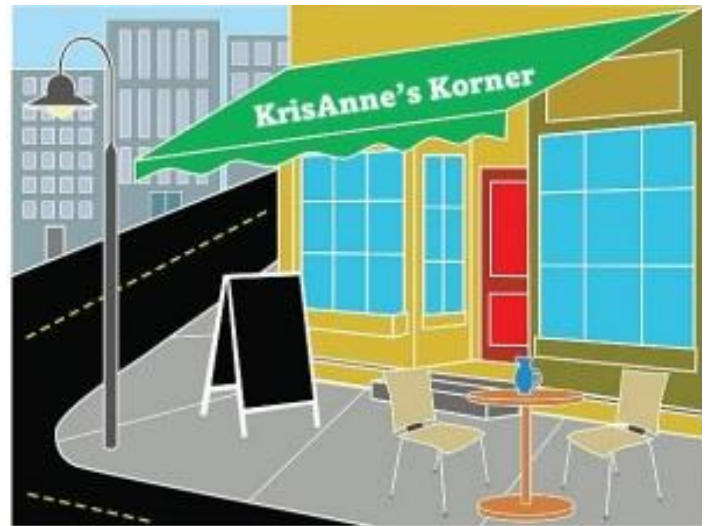
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

This Sunday we are going to talk about confession. When it comes to this topic, the apostle John pulls no punches: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)

He's not writing to unbelievers here, but to those who have already chosen to follow Jesus. Meaning, the assumption is that Christians still have things to confess. John expects that we will continue to sin. I'm taking the time to point that out because it's not often that we practice individual or corporate confession on Sunday mornings when we gather for worship. One might think we are a gathering of the pure. A gathering of the righteous, the good ones. We used to be sinners, but thank goodness, we are no longer!

And in one sense, yes, that is true. Through Jesus, God has declared us righteous, blameless saints. But each of us could name a list of sins we struggle with, because we have been saved, but we are still being saved, too. Our lists might include things like lying, gluttony, gossip, vanity, sloth, selfishness, lust, divisiveness, slander, bitterness and anger. We are living in the in-between, where our new self in Christ is alive within us, but our old self still battles for our time and attention.

Thank goodness God's compassion is "new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23)! The apostle John assures us that as we confess our sins, God will faithfully forgive them. Again? Yes, again. And again? Yes, over and over again. And not only that, John says that God will continue to purify us as we name our sins. The practice of confession and forgiveness opens us up to God's power to purify and transform.



It may feel foreign to you - I admit that it does to me! - but be intentional about reviewing your days this week and confessing your sins. Receive God's forgiveness for the bad things that you have done and the good things that you have left undone. Open up to the Spirit's purifying power. See what happens. This simple practice might bring more change into your life than you anticipate!

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

No 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

Save the Date!

Fall Benefit Concert Announcement

Bridge of Hope/BuxMont is excited to announce our Fall Benefit Concert will feature Big Daddy Weave with special performances by Hannah Kerr and The Young Escape!



Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 15** at Calvary Church in Souderton, PA for this amazing night of worship benefitting Bridge of Hope BuxMont. Stay tuned for more details!

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

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



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

Calendar:

- **Summer Worship time – 9:30am** No Kids time 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**

Upcoming Events:

No Church Board Meeting in August!

- **Aug 2-11: Roxbury Holiness Camp Meeting.**
Missions Day Saturday, Aug 10.
- **Aug 11: Communion**
- **Aug 18: Guest Speaker - Dan Zagorski**
- **Sep 8: Sunday School resumes @ 9:30am**
- **Sep 19: Next Church Board Mtg @ 7pm**