



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

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

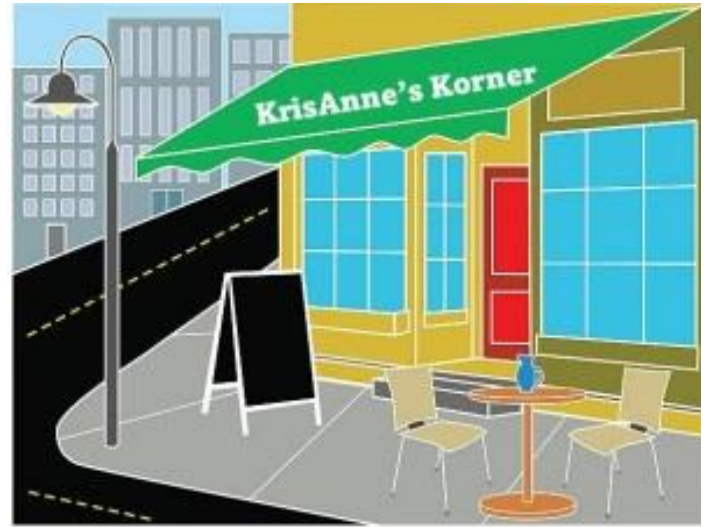
This week's sermon passage from the first fourteen verses of Ephesians is such beautiful, poetic writing. The words lift us up above the mundane and invite us to soar high above, taking in the big picture of what God has done and is doing through Jesus Christ. I confess that I have struggled to connect with the poetry right now.

As things have become clearer for my niece Mia and her husband Joshua, it seems that unless God chooses to do something supernatural, Joshua will never walk again following his 35-foot fall from a roof. All of this happened just a week and a half after their wedding day when they were dancing with friends and family at the reception. It's heartbreaking, nightmarish and cruel.

So I read these beautiful words of Paul - *Praise be to God Our Father who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing, in accordance with the riches of His grace that he lavished on us, the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance ...* I can't help but think of Joshua and Mia, my sister and brother-in-law, Joshua's father, and all of their siblings and friends. What do these words mean for them? Where is Joshua's great blessing? What glorious riches have been lavished upon this young couple? What kind of wonderful inheritance are they enjoying?

I've experienced enough suffering in my life that I realize these questions don't go anywhere helpful. This world is broken, full of hurt and tragedy and pain. That's just reality. Rarely is there any good answer to why these awful things happen. Yet my faith invites me to keep believing that God is ultimately good and that He can redeem anything, yes, even this. My faith does indeed pull my eyes up to see the bigger picture, that God is not done here. He's not done with creation; He's not done with His Church; He's not done with Joshua and Mia. And, thank goodness, He's not done with me. God will bring everything together in heaven and on earth, under Christ (Eph 1:10). All will be restored.

Until that great day, I will try to keep looking for God's goodness in the midst of suffering. Trying is about all I



can promise at the moment. I know we are not the only family suffering right now, and so I pray that you, too, will experience God's Presence and goodness in the midst of whatever you're going through. Grace and peace to you all from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 1:2).

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

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

or your deacon.

September 21, 22, 2024



Linking HOPE 4 LIFE is bringing our community together to understand the mental, physical and spiritual needs of those struggling.

Event Location

741 N County Line Rd. Souderton, PA 18964

(Next to Harleysville Bank and across from Jesse's BBQ)

Volunteers Needed:

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ryan Schweiger at 267-718-1464 or email Ryan.schweiger@sluhn.org



Anyone for **B-I-N-G-O??**

Perseverance Fire Hall
Souderton, PA

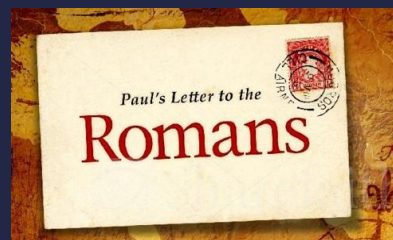
\$25.00 for a set of 10 bingo cards



All proceeds go to *Along the Way's* Mission of empowering single mother families to break the chain of poverty.

Adult Sunday School
Classes for Fall 2024

Led by
Dan Zagorski
in Room 1



The After Party



Video Series in Youth Room

Perkasie CROP Walk

Oct 13, 2024



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Sign up or contact the church office if you can join the team!

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!

Calendar:

- **Summer Worship time – 9:30am** No Kids time this Sunday –kids stay with parents during Worship.
- **Sun:** ICS and SBIC Church Board Mtg @ 11:00am
- **Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm**
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person at 1:00 pm
- **Wed:** Prayer time in Room 2 at 6:00pm
- **Wed: @ 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice**

Upcoming Events:

- **Sep 8:** Sunday School resumes @ 9:30am for children, youth and adults. Worship at 10:30am.
- **Sep 18:** Youth Group resumes! Kickoff at Swartley's with disc golf & s'mores
- **Sep 19:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Sep 21 & 22:** Sweatshirt of HOPE event. Saturday 21st: 10am-9pm Sunday 22nd: 9:30am-1:30pm.
- **Oct 13:** CROP Walk in Perkasie
- **Nov 10:** Guest Speakers – Mike & Lori Cassel