



Weekly Connection Newsletter

Souderton Brethren in Christ Church

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August 8, 2024

www.soudertonbic.org

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!

Communion

Join the livestream:

www.soudertonbic.org/stream

www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

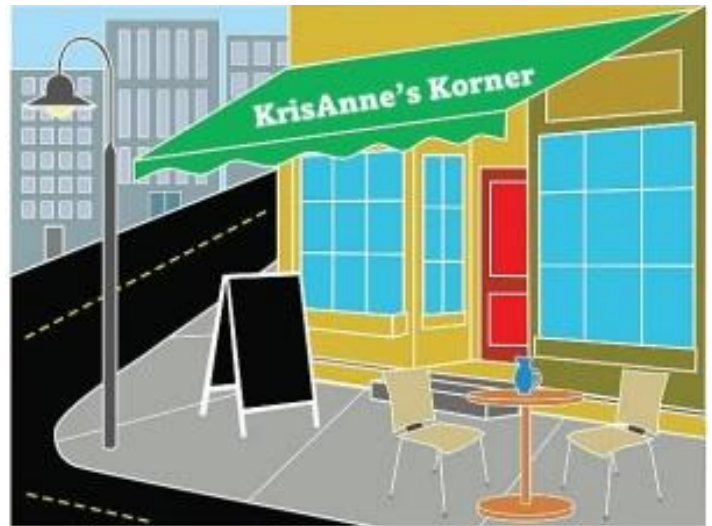
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I always look forward to communion Sundays. Growing up, I had to wait to take communion until I was baptized and welcomed into church membership. And that was ok with me, actually. I didn't feel especially excluded or marginalized because of it. In a way, it built anticipation within me for that special moment when I would be able to join in the beautiful ritual with the rest of the baptized believers.

A few years ago, I was speaking with an older woman in my congregation about communion and she expressed the opposite feeling. She never liked communion Sundays. She felt they were too somber and sad. She also carried memories from her childhood of the bishop visiting her house to "examine" her parents' fitness to receive communion. The whole experience was tainted with judgment and sadness for her.

I don't know how you feel about communion Sundays. Maybe you joyfully anticipate the ritual, or maybe you'd rather skip it. Whatever our feelings about the Lord's Supper, there's something important in it for us. Beyond the remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice - which is, of course, of primary importance - communion is something we do together. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, he gave it to his disciples as a group. They shared the bread and cup in community. To this day, the church across the world shares communion in groups - whether it's in small house churches or congregations of thousands. More than individual souls saved for heaven, Jesus redeemed us as a collective Body and gave us rituals and symbols that we share in communally. This is foundational to Christian faith.



One of my favorite verses in scripture is Ephesians 2:14 - *For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.* As the election season continues to heat up and divisions between family, friends and neighbors come to the surface, I can't think of a better time to share the Lord's Supper together. His sacrifice has made us one. We are one Body with many parts. Let us remember and cling to Jesus. Let us allow his sacrifice to be the glue that holds us together in divisive times.

Communion – August 11

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



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

Come Celebrate with Iglesia Cristiana as little Rony turns one year old!

You're Invited



To my 1st Birthday Celebration – Rony Francisco Guerra Portillo
494 Cherry Rd. Souderton, PA 18964
Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 2:30pm

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**

Upcoming Events:

No Church Board Meeting in August!

- **Aug 2-11: Roxbury Holiness Camp Meeting.**
Aug 10: Missions Day
- **Aug 18: Guest Speaker - Dan Zagorski**
- **Sep 8: Sunday School resumes @ 9:30am. Worship at 10:00am.**
- **Sep 19: Next Church Board Mtg @ 7pm**
- **Sep 21 & 22: Sweatshirt of HOPE event. Saturday: 10am-9pm, Sunday: 9:30am-1:30pm.**