

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

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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 at 9:30am for ALL ages! Worship Time – 10:30am!

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

We're going to talk about hostility this week. Sounds like a fun topic, yes? I doubt any of us get too excited about discussing hostility or any topics that lead to disagreement and hostility. Yet here we are, at the point in Ephesians when Paul brings up the "dividing wall of hostility" between the Jews and Greeks.

The analogy of a building with foundations and walls is sprinkled throughout the passage we will read on Sunday. It's interesting that walls can be either a good thing or a bad thing in scripture. In these verses, a wall can either separate and divide people, which Jesus does not desire. Or, they can be part of a building built upon the foundation of Jesus, that welcomes a household joined together in worship of the Lord, filled with the Spirit of God. That's a very good thing! The purpose of the wall and what it is built on seems to make all the difference.

Our culture is good at building dividing walls, defining who is in and who is out. Us versus them. Good people and bad people. Who is right and who is wrong. Paul makes a strong and clear argument here that these dividing walls, dividing categories, are not welcome among the people of God. Not here. Not among us. We may have differences and disagreements, but when our impulse is to splinter over them; Jesus' blood holds us together. We stand on the same foundation of grace and mercy. We are one household, no matter what. That's quite a calling to live up to when the pressures of society tempt us to divide.

Paul's message isn't supposed to be critical or to shame us in any way. He's actually giving us hope, because our unity in the midst of diversity doesn't depend on us. Jesus makes it possible. The power to love each other when we'd rather fight each other comes from outside us - thank goodness!



It's the love and grace of Jesus that has the power to make enemies into friends, combatants into brothers and sisters, competitors into partners, and the opposition into fellow teammates. Let's lean on Him and trust His power to build us into a household of love and worship. Come hear more on Sunday!

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

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

RamPacks Fundraiser!

Sunday, Oct 6 from 12-7pm

Neshaminy Creek Brewing Company 139 N. Main St. Dublin.

*Corn Hole Tournament starts at 3pm (\$25 suggested donation to enter). Teams register through RamPacks website (www.rampacks.com) and make a donation through our "Donate Now" link. Food, for purchase, will be available. Some vendors giving a portion of their profits to RamPacks.



This Weekend!

Sweatshirt of HOPE

Sweatshirt of God Loves You!

September 21, 22, 2024

741 N County Line Rd. Souderton, PA 18964

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



11am-2pm Doors open at 10am

Oct 5th **BINGO**

\$25.00 for a set of 10 bingo cards

Samaritan's Purse **Christmas Child**

Shoebox packing @ Bucks County Community Church on Sept 28, 2024

9am to 2pm. Call 215-514-5548 for info. All supplies provided – packers needed!

Adult Sunday School Classes for Fall 2024

- Study of Romans in Room 1
- *TheAfterParty* Video Series in Youth Room

Access the SS video and much more in RightNow Media by scanning the QR code or the link below -

> Scan the QR code to create your free account and start browsing.



Visit https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/soudertonbic

Perkasie CROP Walk Oct 13, 2024



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!



Friday, November 15 at Calvary Church in Souderton, PA. Doors Open at 6:00 pm - Concert starts at 7:00 pm f Bridge of Hope BuxMont. For tickets go to: https://buxmont.bridgeofhopeinc.org/get-involved/events/benefit-concert/

Calendar:

- Sunday School this week at 9:30am.
 Classes for ALL ages.
 Worship at 10:30am. Kids Moment with Candice this Sunday –kids stay in the Sanctuary.
- 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
- Sep 21 & 22: Sweatshirt of HOPE event. Saturday 21st: 10am-9pm Sunday 22nd: 9:30am-1:30pm.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 6: RamPacks Fundraiser at Neshaminy Creek Brewing Co., Dublin
- Oct 13: CROP Walk/Rock in Perkasie Please register or sign up at the table in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Oct 19: Craft Show @ Grace UMC from 9am-12pm. 295 S. Main St. Telford. Call 215-723-2144 for more info.
- Wed. Oct. 23: Smarter Parents, Safer Kids from NOVA 6:30-8:30pm
- Nov 10: Guest Speakers Mike & Lori Cassel