

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

Fall is coming, and I am so excited! I thoroughly enjoy the cooler mornings and evenings, while the days are still comfortably warm. It's perfect - not oppressively hot and humid, not freezing cold yet. The changing of the seasons reminds of one of the themes of this week's scripture passage - Ephesians 2:1-10. Paul writes here about death and life, dying and rising.

In the Northeast USA, we experience this every year in nature. Come autumn, trees and grass and bushes begin to die. Leaves turn color and fall to the ground. By December, all that is left are barren branches and brown lawns. For months, forests lie dead and empty, sometimes beautifully adorned with white snow if we're lucky. And just as I'm ready for the heat and humidity of summer to pass, in favor of a cooler fall, it's not unusual for me to also be very anxious for spring to come. I want to see new life! The buds and green shoots emerging from the dirt, a new warmth to the sun when it shines on my face, some color instead of all the browns and grays.

I wonder if I would appreciate spring as much if I lived where there weren't all four seasons. As long and drawn out as the seasons sometimes feel, maybe it's good for me to go through the dying and rising every twelve months. It's a good metaphor for the spiritual journey, after all: dying to self, rising with Christ, letting go, receiving grace, surrendering in one season of life, embracing what God has for me in the next. And in all of these seasons is the mighty power of God, working in me to make me more like Jesus.



I die with Him, that I might rise with Him. That's my prayer for you all as well, dear church. May you embrace the changing of the seasons, feeling God's power at work within you. Dying and rising, making the journey from death to life.

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.



Sweatshirt of HOPE



September 21, 22, 2024

741 N County Line Rd. Souderton, PA 18964

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

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 ch ain of poverty.

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
- <u>The After Party</u> Video Series in Youth Room

Access the SS video and <u>much more</u> in **RightNow Media** by scanning the QR code or the link below -

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



 $Visit\ \underline{https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/soudertonbic}$

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/getinvolved/events/benefit-concert/

Calendar:

- Sunday School this week at 9:30am.
 Classes for ALL ages.
 Worship at 10:30am. Kids time this Sunday –kids are dismissed right before the sermon.
- 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:

- Sep 14: Bergey's 100-year Anniversary Event from 3-8pm. Food/Games/Car Show/Fireworks - 462 Harleysville Pike, Franconia
- 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 6: RamPacks Fundraiser at Neshaminy Creek Brewing Co., Dublin
- Oct 13: CROP Walk/Rock in Perkasie
- Nov 10: Guest Speakers Mike & Lori Cassel