

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

The first few days of this week, I was at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference for an Atlantic Conference Retreat with the BIC. We had a few hours of free time Monday afternoon, so I decided to take a walk around Long Beach Island. I ended up on a stretch of deserted beach and just watched the waves for a while. There must have been a storm off the coast somewhere because the waves were quite large and were crashing into shore with some serious force.

I listened for God's invitation to me as those waves came into shore, one after another, after another. I thought what an adventure it would be to ride those waves, to just let them carry me wherever they wanted. I imagined a surfer gliding skillfully along. And then I laughed, picturing myself trying to do what a surfer does and failing miserably... tumbling head over heels into the surf and being tossed not at all gracefully into the sand.

Here's my take-away as I pondered the waves and the silly images that came to my mind as I listened for God that afternoon: I'm a performer. I've been taught to prepare and practice and present my best to people. I do everything I can to avoid mistakes or failure and have a very difficult time letting it go when I do mess something up (which inevitably happens because I'm only human!). As I prayed, I sensed that the ocean waves represented God's work. I felt God inviting me to step into the waves and let go, even if the whole thing ended with me being tossed around embarrassingly. Like Peter, trying to walk on the water and needing to be saved by Jesus' strong hand, am I willing to step out into God's work and movement without fear of



appearances? Fear of failure? Am I willing to fall and trust that Jesus will pull me back up and help me begin again?

My prayer time by the ocean helped me connect with God in a fresh way. I invite you to spend some time out in nature this week, noticing God's creation and listening for how He may want to speak to you through what you see and hear. How can you catch the wave of what He's doing in your life and let it carry you into a deeper relationship with Him?

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or <u>KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org</u>, 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.



MDS is HIRING

Mennonite Disaster Service is seeking a Regional Operations Coordinator (ROC) that will oversee all MDS disaster response operations in Region 1 (U.S. East Coast including Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia) and facilitate volunteer engagement in the investigation and development of projects. This is a full-time remote position with the expectation that the ROC will live within the region.

The full job description along with expectations and qualifications is available at mds.org/employment.



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 will be dismissed for Kids Time 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, Youth Group meets

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 6: RamPacks Fundraiser at Neshaminy Creek Brewing Co., Dublin
- Oct 12: Fall Workday at SBIC Church. Rain date Oct 19.
- 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