

Weekly Connection Newsletter

Souderton Brethren in Christ Church

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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 WmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09

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> **Office hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-1pm**

This Sunday

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

Join the livestream: <u>www.soudertonbic.org/stream</u> <u>www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic</u>

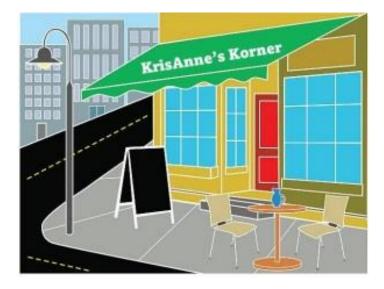
Thank you for your faithful giving! Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I flashed on a childhood memory this week: watching Fred Rogers, on Mr. Rogers Neighborhood, walk into his house. He always grabbed a sweater from his closet and put it on over his shirt and tie. Then he sat on a bench and changed from formal shoes into sneakers. He began his show that way every single time. Those few simple things he did routinely sent us all a signal. It was time for the show. Time to listen and learn and use our imaginations.

I saw those images and heard him singing "won't you be my neighbor" so many times growing up, that when I read this week's passage, Ephesians 4:17-32, I couldn't help but think of him. The verses talk about putting off and putting on, like taking off old clothes and putting on new ones. And they sort of assume that we as Christians will need to be putting off our vices and putting on our virtues, over and over again. Like Mr. Rogers with his sweater and shoes every episode. Off and on. Off and on.

That need to repeatedly and consistently practice putting off and putting on could feel exhausting because we won't ever arrive at the end until Jesus returns. On the other hand, it could give us some hope, because we don't have to live up to high expectations; we can just be human. I'm going to choose to lean into the hope this week. It's ok that I still need to change some of my words, attitudes and actions. In fact, God expects that I still need sanctifying. His grace is wide enough to cover my failures and strong enough to carry me forward.



Each time you change your clothes or shoes this week, take a moment to ask God what he might be asking you to put off and put on. It may be something that isn't consistent with the character of Christ. Let the physical act of changing clothes, remind you to intentionally put away the vice and put on a virtue in its place.

Communion – Nov 17th

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to: Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or <u>KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org</u>, or your deacon. **Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped on church workday – Oct 12



<u>Donations for Hurricane</u> <u>Relief</u>

Donations from SBIC were delivered to H.I.S. and Bergey's this week. Thank you to all who contributed!





Calling all Youth

Fields of Faith on the football field Wednesday, October 30th 7:30-8:30pm @ Souderton High Carpooling from church available Please sign up!



RamPacks is currently serving 86 students! Individual bags of snacks are welcome!

Adult Sunday School Classes for Fall 2024

- <u>Study of Romans</u> in Room 1
- <u>TheAfterParty</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 -



Visit <u>https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/soudertonbic</u>



Oct 26th Crafts/Food/Games/Hayrides @ Blooming Glen Mennonite Church 11:00 am- 3:00 pm Rain or Shine! 215-257-3431 www.bgmc.net

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: <u>https://buxmont.bridgeofhopeinc.org/getinvolved/events/benefit-concert/</u>

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, NoYouth Group
 - Wed. Oct. 23: Smarter Parents, Safer Kids from NOVA 6:30-8:30pm. Register at <u>Novabucks.org/events</u>
 - Fri. Oct 25: Youth Group Scavenger Hunt and Corn Maze. Meet at church at 6pm to carpool

Upcoming Events:

- Sun. Oct 27: Potluck Breakfast @ 9am followed by combined Sunday School
- Sun. Nov 10: Mike and Lori Cassel here Potluck lunch and Pack Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Sun. Nov 17: Communion