



Weekly Connection Newsletter

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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=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

*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

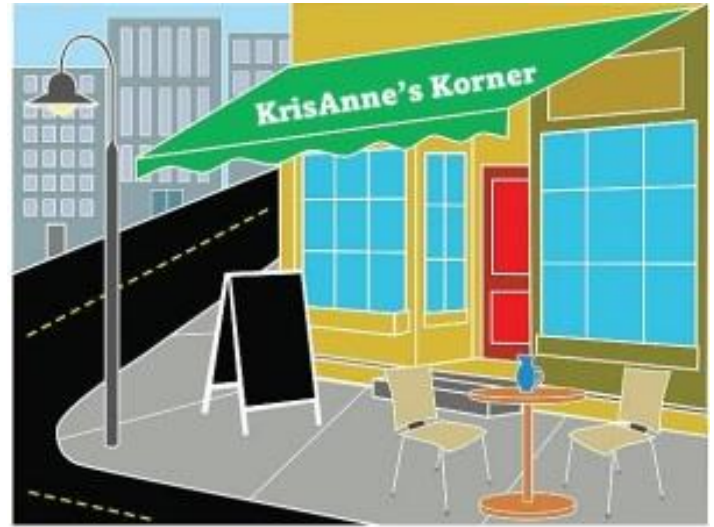
Sisters and brothers,

As next Tuesday approaches and the presidential campaigning gets more heated and extreme, let me offer a pastoral word:

"Do not be afraid." This is the most frequent command in scripture. America is not God's Kingdom. What happens in our country, in our politics, is not forever and it's not a sign of the state of God's Church. The church is global - universal even! American Christians are but one small part of the whole, that is the Bride of Christ. And we know how this story ends - we read about it in the book of Revelation. It ends with heaven and earth finally meeting in a New Heavens and New Earth where all suffering and evil have ended. Let that be your great hope. Then take a deep breath, vote your conscience, and do not fear.

"Do not forsake the fruit of the Spirit." Remember that the fruit of the Spirit is not situational. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are fruit for all seasons. Yes, even contentious election seasons. I am heartsick over the language and attitudes swirling around in the media lately. As Christians, let's be intentional to reject the things that dehumanize people created in the very image of God. Let's check ourselves - our own hearts, words and attitudes. Are we willing to critique our own side of the aisle when it's warranted? Are we practicing humility and demonstrating respect for those who have political views that differ from our own?

"See your politics through Jesus, not Jesus through your politics." Our Savior belongs to neither party; our Savior is not even American. When we consider politics, let's do so as travelers in a strange land (Hebrews 11:13-16). Our primary citizenship is in God's Kingdom which is not like this world. Our



King is Jesus, who is unlike any earthly ruler we have ever known or will know ... He who touched the unclean, loved and welcomed strangers, and willingly bore our violence without striking back. No political party or candidate truly reflects the character of our King. We can only do our best to choose leaders as our conscience allows.

With these three things in mind, I pray we can move toward Tuesday and beyond with faith and hope and love. I'm available to speak and pray with anyone who is feeling anxiety about the coming days and weeks, so do feel free to reach out to me. It's my joy and privilege to journey alongside you all as we seek to follow Jesus together.

Communion – Nov 17th

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

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

or your deacon.

Youth Scavenger Hunt Corn Maze Oct 25th



Matching Donations for Hurricane Relief from Everence!



Everence® is committing a total of \$100,000 to support relief efforts. This includes an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Mennonite Disaster Service and another \$50,000 to kick off Everence Helps: Hurricane Relief, a matching gift initiative aimed at bolstering hurricane recovery efforts. From Oct. 14 to Dec. 31, 2024, Everence will match donations made to Everence Foundation dollar-for-dollar – up to \$50,000 – to enhance the charitable impact of contributions aimed at helping survivors restore their homes, revitalize their communities, and rebuild their futures. Find more information here:

<https://www.everence.com/landing-pages/corporate/everence-helps>



Operation Christmas Child – Donations needed!

Items are needed to pack shoeboxes. Please check the list on the OCC table for items to help our packing. Monetary donations can be submitted to the church office or by offering envelopes (designate OCC).

Fall Adult Sunday School classes at 9:30am New Adult Class –



*The Journey The story of the Bible from creation to new creation, and how our stories fit into it" (Access the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos)

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



*The Study of Romans led by Dan Zagorski continues

Our *Next* Potluck Breakfast

will be Nov 24th, followed by a
combined Sunday School.

Pictures below from our Oct 27th potluck breakfast



Fall Benefit Concert

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. **Worship at 10:30am. Kids time:** Children grades K-5th are dismissed just before the sermon to participate in a special activity.
- **Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm**
- **Wed: Prayer on Zoom or in Person at 1pm**
- **Wed: Prayer in Room 2 @ 6pm**
- **Wed: @ 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice, D-Group meets NO Youth Group**

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Nov 10:** Mike and Lori Cassel here. Fellowship with the Cassels at the Missions lunch after Worship. Please sign up for lunch. **We will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child after the meal.**
- **Fri. Nov 15:** Big Daddy Weave concert @ Calvary Church at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm
- **Sun. Nov 17:** Communion
- **Thu. Nov 21:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Sun. Nov 24:** Potluck breakfast @ 8:45am and combined Sunday School