



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

*Potluck Breakfast at 8:45am
Combined Sunday School at 9:15am
“Insights from a Middle School
Principal”*

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.

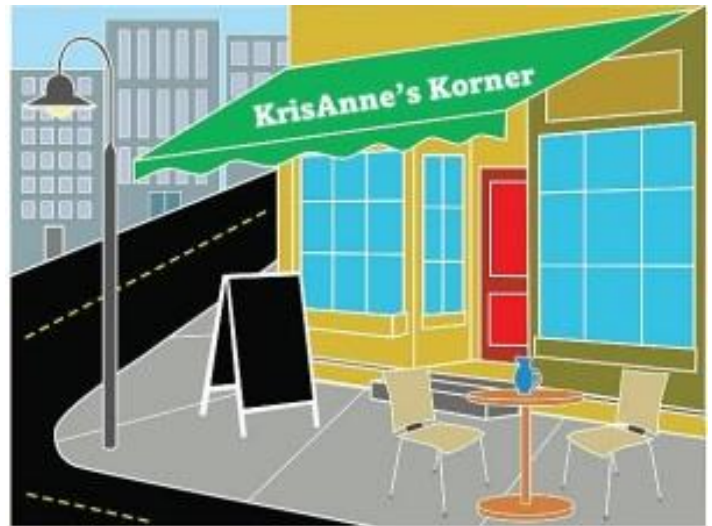
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I thought I would share a bit more this week about our Journey Through the Sermon on the Mount in 2025. Specifically, why I chose this theme and why I'm excited for us to spend a few months focusing on this particular scripture. There are two big reasons:

First, we become like what we give our attention to.

As your pastor, I am very aware that I have your attention for 1-2 hours each Sunday, and that's it. Or if we're just talking about the sermon, I have your attention for only about 20-25 minutes. That's a drop in the bucket compared to the time we spend on our phones, watching TV, listening to music or podcasts or the radio. We are giving much more attention to all that other stuff than we are to church. And if it's true that we become like what we pay attention to (and I believe it is), then we need to be intentional about where we focus our attention. That's why I'm inviting us into a more immersive experience. I hope it encourages us to really pay attention to the words of Jesus, not only on Sunday morning, but at other times throughout the week. Through memorization, reading a book and discussing it with others, watching a dramatization of the Sermon, etc. All of this, in the hope that we become more like Jesus by focusing on Jesus.

Second, Jesus' invitation is to FOLLOW Him. As Christians we often talk about believing in Jesus, accepting Him as our Savior, having faith in Him. All of that is important indeed. But Jesus' most frequent command isn't any of those things. Over and over again, He says, "follow me." That means doing what He says. It means patterning our lives after His. In order to do that, we must know Jesus. And what better way to know Jesus than to study His greatest sermon. So I hope you'll join me in the journey!



Journey Through the Sermon on the Mount - *The Narrow Path*

- Kick-off Movie Night with *The Chosen*. Saturday, Jan 4, 7-8pm in the youth room.
- Sermon Series & Sunday School classes (Jan 5 - Mar 2)
- Memorization contest with prizes! (sign up at the table in the sanctuary; ends Mar 2)
- Small Groups that will meet four times Jan-Mar. (sign up at the table in the sanctuary; take a copy of the book [The Narrow Path](#))

Take a listen on YouTube at the link below! Theme song for [The Narrow Path: The Jesus Way](#), by Phil Wickham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARSGgC9iQb0&p=ygUacGhpbCB3aWNraGFtIHRoZSBqZXXN1cyB3YXk%3D>

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,
or your deacon.



Mennonite Central

Committee:

Christmas Open House



Thursday, Dec 5th, 9am – 8pm

Friday, Dec 6th, 9am – 8pm

Saturday, Dec 7th, 9am – 5pm

Dec 9th -14th from 9am – 6pm

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>

YOUTH GROUP

ONE NIGHT at Lansdale Life,
407 N. Broad St. Lansdale, PA
Mon Nov 25th from 6:30-8:30pm



The event will include
time for worship, a
message, and an
experiential prayer
station time, followed

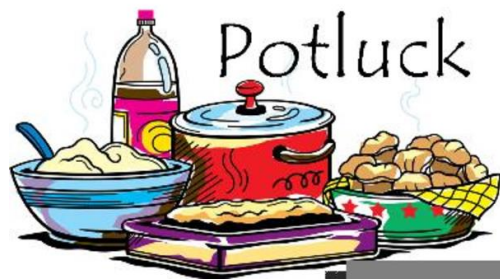
by ice cream floats!

Don't forget –
This Week –
Combined Sunday
School class at 9:15am
after
Potluck Breakfast at
8:45am

Potluck Breakfast

will be THIS Sunday, Nov 24th starting at 8:45am followed by a **combined** Sunday School with Duane Renner “*Insights from a Middle School Principal*” at 9:15am!

**Note the time change*



Celebrate ADVENT With SBIC

**December 1st is the
First Sunday of Advent**



Calendar:

- **Combined Sunday School** this week at 9:15am. **Worship at 10:30am with Communion.** **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: @ 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice**

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Dec 1:** First Sunday in Advent
- **Wed. Dec 4:** “D” Group @ 7pm
- **Wed. Dec 18:** Youth Group Christmas Party 6:30-8:30pm
- **Sun. Dec 22:** Potluck Breakfast & Combined Sunday School
- **Sun. Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm
- **Sun. Dec 29:** Joint Service with ICS

Coming in 2025

- **Sat. Jan 4:** Movie Night in Youth Room at 6pm Sermon on the Mount episode from *The Chosen*