



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

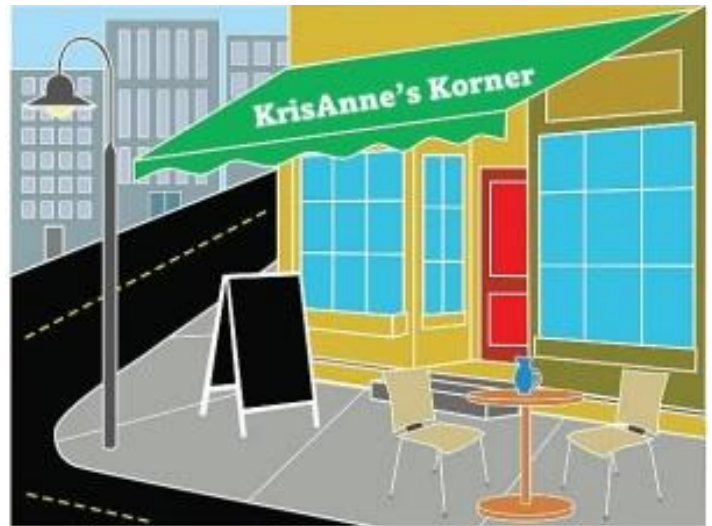
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Thanksgiving feels especially festive at our house this year. Our distant college kids are back home, filling our house with their chatter and humor... and laundry. The thanksgiving menu is one of our favorite meals, so we're all anticipating the big feast on Thursday. We have plans with friends and extended family whom we haven't seen for quite a while. There are special outdoor decorating plans in the works (it sounds like we're going to join in the cone Christmas tree fad that has taken over Hilltown Township in the last few years!). I am soaking up the energy and excitement after a quiet autumn of empty nesting!

I spoke last Sunday about generosity and thanksgiving. How it is God's own generosity that we are called to mirror and share with one another and the world. How generosity is part of sharing the Good News of Jesus with others, and results in thanksgiving to God. I confess that right now, it's easy for my heart to overflow with generosity and thanksgiving - I'm really feeling it! But that is not always the case. Some days it's hard to be generous and give thanks; sometimes adult responsibilities and stress steal my joy. In those moments generosity and thanksgiving are things I intentionally practice; they aren't a natural overflow of my heart. That's part of the human journey, and it's not a surprise to our patient and gracious Lord. Whatever your heart is feeling this Thanksgiving holiday - an overflow of gratitude and generosity or stuck in the slog of the daily grind - offer it to Jesus. Trust Him to meet you there and walk you through it. His Loving Presence is our anchor in everything.

Here is a prayer from the book [The Narrow Path](#), which we'll be using January - March in our small groups. It may be helpful for you this week as you consider generosity and thanksgiving:



*Father, you are an abundant giver.
There is nothing we have that you have not given us.
The way of your kingdom is the way of generosity.
Help us to honor you with our resources.
Free us from the deceit of riches.
Lead us on the path of generosity.
For your glory, Lord.
And for the abundance of our own lives, and the sake
of others.
Amen.*

Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful Thanksgiving, SBIC family! You are loved!

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

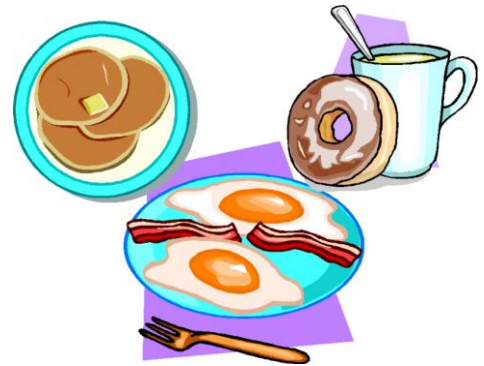
Matching Donations for Hurricane Relief from Everence!



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>

Our *Next* Potluck Breakfast will be Sunday, Dec 22nd starting at 9:00am followed by a *combined* Sunday School at 9:30am



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*

Announcements

Joint Service with ICS on Dec 29th

Join us at noon for a meal

1:00pm Worship

Bring a side dish or dessert to share at the meal and enjoy fellowship with our sister congregation. We will join in worship to sing, pray and listen to scripture in both English and Spanish. Come celebrate our unity in the Kingdom of God!

Sermon on the Mount Memorization Contest

Children age 11 and under:

Memorize Matthew 5:1-16

Recite the passage in worship on March 2

Receive a prize! A snack pack including fruit gushers, chocolate bars and candy

Youth & adults ages 12 and up:

Memorize three passages –

Matthew 5:1-16, 6:19-34, 7:13-28

Recite them in worship on March 2

Receive one of the following prizes! 500-piece puzzle from The Chosen online store; a snack pack including beef jerky, pistachios and a king-sized candy bar; or a \$25 gift card to Wawa

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.
- **Sunday 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, "No Youth Group**

Upcoming Events:

- **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**
- **Tue. Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service with Carols and Scripture readings @ 6:30pm**
- **Sun. Dec 29: Joint Service with ICS Meal @ noon followed by Worship at 1pm**
- **Jan 4, 2025: Kick-off for Sermon on the Mount series with a MOVIE Night @ 7pm**