

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! Guest Speaker Mike Cassel Missions Lunch after Worship

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

Sometimes people tell me they feel so anxious about life that they don't know how to pray. They don't know what to say, what exactly to ask for, or how to bring the flurry of their thoughts into focus enough to say something coherent to the Father.

That is ok. Truly. God doesn't need, nor does he ask for, eloquent prayers. He only asks for honest ones. And He knows our hearts sometimes better than we do. When our thoughts and emotions are too chaotic for even us to understand, God knows them and holds them in His Love. So if you don't know what to pray right now, saying that to God is enough. "Father, you know the chaos and worry in my heart right now. Please hold them for me and let me know You are near." Then listen for His response in the quiet.

If, however, it would help you to have some words to pray, Jesus gives us some! In the middle of the Sermon on the Mount, he instructs His disciples to pray in this way: Our Father in Heaven, holy is Your Name. Your Kingdom come; Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Since Jesus teaches us in scripture to pray this way, we are welcome to borrow His words. Pray them slowly and let them speak to all the "what ifs" within you - the anxiety, the fear, even the despair. Let these words become your own. Pray them slowly and let them speak to



all the "what ifs" within you - the anxiety, the fear, even the despair. Let these words become your own. Pray that His Kingdom comes and that His Will will be done. Pray for today's bread (not tomorrow's or the next day's... just today). Pray for the willingness to forgive and receive forgiveness. Pray for deliverance from anything contrary to God's heart and mind. Praise God's sovereignty over all of time and space! Amen.

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.



Mennonite Central Committee:



Christmas Open House

 $\begin{array}{c} Thursday,\, Dec\,\, 5^{th},\, 9am-8pm\\ Friday,\, Dec\,\, 6^{th},\, 9am-8pm\\ Saturday,\, Dec\,\, 7^{th},\, 9am-5pm\\ Dec\,\, 9^{th}\, -14^{th}\, from\,\, 9am-6pm \end{array}$

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-fordollar – 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/landingpages/corporate/everence-helps



Operation Christmas Child

Packing THIS Sunday after our Missions Lunch.

You can still bring items to pack shoeboxes or make a monetary donation. Monetary donations can be submitted to the church office or by offering envelopes (designate OCC)

Fall Adult Sunday School classes at 9:30am

<u>New</u> 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.



*<u>The Study of Romans</u> led by Dan Zagorski *continues*

Our Next Potluck Breakfast

will be 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



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:

- Worship at 10:30am. Kids time:
 Children grades K-5th are dismissed just before the sermon to participate in a special activity.
 Mike and Lori Cassel will be here.
 Fellowship with the Cassels at the Missions lunch after Worship. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share We will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child after the meal.
- 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
- Fri. Nov 15: Big Daddy Weave concert @ Calvary Church at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm

Upcoming Events:

- Sun. Nov 17: Communion
- Thu. Nov 21: Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- Sun. Nov 24: Potluck breakfast @ 8:45am and combined Sunday School with Principal Duane Renner @ 9:15am