



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>

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra
Contact: iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com

This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Sunday SERVE @ 10:30am

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

NO livestream this week!

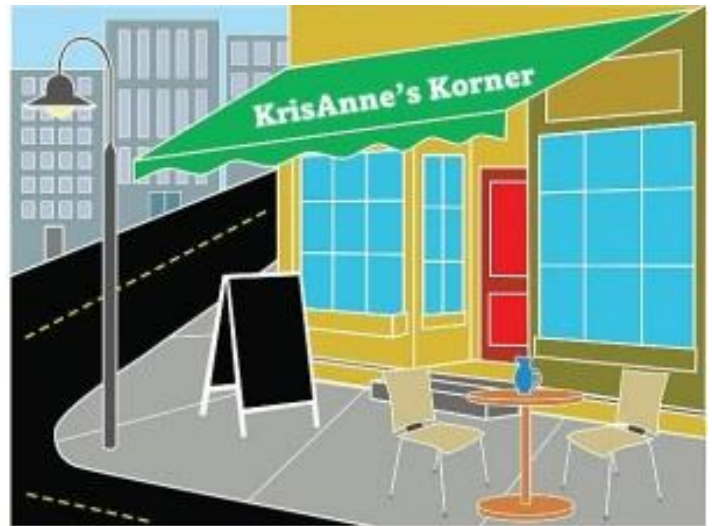
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Take an inventory. Do an audit. Evaluate outcomes. These are phrases that many of us probably encounter as one year turns to the next. The flipping of the calendar creates a natural opportunity (or perhaps a requirement, in the case of an employer) to look back, take stock and then look ahead and create new goals.

The Sermon on the Mount also creates this opportunity. As I said on Sunday, the Sermon is NOT a how-to-get-saved manual. If we read it that way, we are setting ourselves up for failure and fear... because, as imperfect humans, we won't live up to the Sermon's demands. Rather, let's approach it as a way to do an inventory, to take stock of what fruit salvation is producing in our lives. We are already God's children, covered by the blood of Jesus, accepted into His Kingdom. But that ticket to heaven isn't the sole aim of a disciple. A disciple wants to **BECOME LIKE JESUS**.

How do we know if we're becoming more like Jesus? A natural way to figure that out would be to look at what Jesus asks of his disciples and consider how we measure up. Pastor Rich, in his book [The Narrow Path](#), offers a few questions based on the teachings in the Sermon, to help us take inventory: *Am I ready and willing to forgive someone who hurt me? Am I serving God or money? Is trust or anxiety shaping my life? Can my word be taken at face value? Do I bless those who curse me? Do I have sexual integrity?*



These questions are very blunt; it will take courage to answer them honestly. So let me also say this: God's grace is sufficient. If you feel like a failure as a disciple, in one or more of these areas, know that cleansing and renewal are always available in the Presence of our Merciful and Gracious Lord. He asks only for our humble honesty. That's the moment when His Spirit comes to make us new. Again and again.

Communion – Feb 9th

Prayer Requests:

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

MDS Relief for CA Wildfires

We promised more information on Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in CA and here it is! MDS is monitoring the disaster in CA and will offer support where needed. If you would like to donate to MDS the link is provided below:

[Donate Here](#)

Read more about MDS involvement at: <https://mds.org/story/california-wildfires-mds-focuses-on-long-term-hope/>



Additional links are below to donate:

Red Cross: Click [here](#) to donate.

Salvation Army: Click [here](#) to learn more

World Central Kitchen: Click [here](#) to learn more.

California Fire Foundation Wildfire & Disaster Relief Fund: Click [here](#) to learn more.

[Penridge RamPacks Fundraiser](#)

Dine N' Donate @ Perkasio Pizza & Pasta
Early Valentine's Dinner 4-8pm Tue Feb 11
10% of every purchase benefits RamPacks

Our *Next* Potluck Breakfast

Next Week – Jan 26th starting at 9:00am followed by a *combined* Sunday School at 9:30am

Zimbabwe Missions Trip

[Joe Corbi Fundraiser](#)

See one of the folks below to order your gourmet pizza, cookie, pie, assorted snack and support our missions trip!

Jonathan, Maribel, Marie Alleman, TJ Greiser,

Adilate, Nnodana, Immaculate, Thelma, Mercy Moyo, Tham, Miselani, Candice, Callie Ndlovu, Steve, Georgia Myers, Jon, KrisAnne, Heidi, Ben Swartley, Christine Zucal



Sunday School Class

[Winter](#) Adult Class –



*[Practicing the Way](#) Learning to follow after Jesus (Access the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos)

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

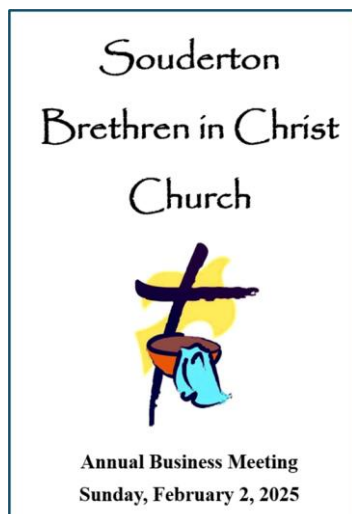


*[The Study of Romans](#) led by Dan Zagorski *continues*

Announcements

Annual Business Mtg February 2nd

Lunch after Worship followed by the Business Meeting.



Packets will be available next Sunday, Jan 19th!

Mark your calendars!
Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Sign up for the Sermon on the Mount Memorization Contest*

Children age 11 and under:

Memorize Matthew 5:1-16

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 the passage to Pastor KrisAnne or Diana on or before March 2, 2025

Small Groups are starting!

Contact a leader if you are interested in joining the following:

Sundays in Souderton @ 6:30pm – Barb Snyder

Saturdays in Hilltown @ 6:30pm – Swartley's

Tuesdays in Lansdale @ 6pm – Moyo's

Calendar:

- **Sun. Jan 19:** Sunday Serve after Sunday School. Use the Signup Genius link below to donate items.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094FA8AE2BAAFE3-54186393-sunday>
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm **note the additional day of Worship*
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Wed:** 7:00 pm – Worship Team practice, Youth Group
- **Thu:** Iglesia Cristiana Bible Study @ 7pm **note the change of day*

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan 30:** Worship Team practice **changes** to Thursdays @ 7pm
- **Sun. Feb 2:** Annual Business Mtg following Noon meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for the meal.
- **Feb 2-Feb 26:** RamPacks Community Wide Food Drive
- **Feb 5:** D-Group @ 7-8:30pm
- **Feb 9:** Communion