



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

Worship @ 10:30am

My Coins Count Collection

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for either Worship service at their scheduled time:

www.soudertonbic.org/stream

www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

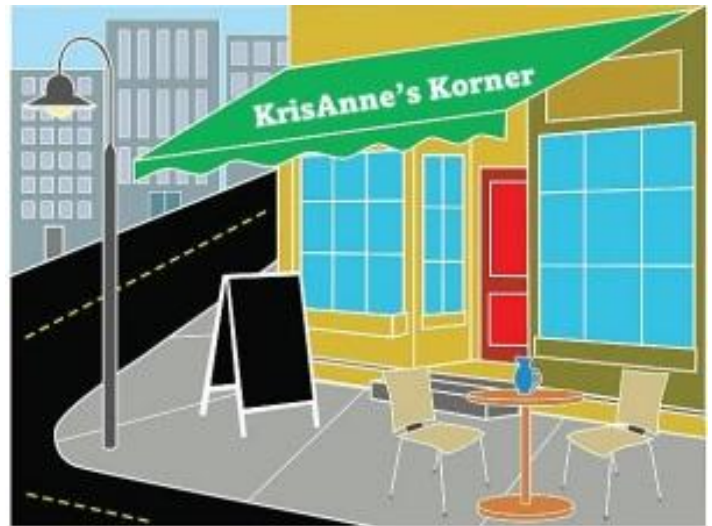
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

The next theme in our Lent series is repentance. I noticed when my kids were young, that they were never super eager to tell me when they had done something wrong. I would find broken toys, crumpled up notes from teachers, stained and torn clothing, chipped cups and plates; all hidden under beds or stuffed into drawers or shoved into closets. They didn't want me to see anything bad they had done. They wanted me to be happy with them, not disapproving or angry. Their childlike hearts equated my positive view of their actions with my love for them. Try as I might, I couldn't convince them until they were older, that my love for them would never diminish based on what they did or didn't do. Would I be upset sometimes over bad behavior and poor choices? Sure, but that would fade quickly because my love for them would never, ever change!

How often do we do this with God? How many times do we work hard to hide our sin, to quickly make things good again, so that God won't see it and be unhappy with us? As if we could ever hide anything from the One who knows the thoughts of our hearts, from the One who knit us together in our mother's womb? It's a vain exercise, yet we humans can't stop doing it. Not only is it useless to try to hide anything from God, but we completely misunderstand God's response to sinners when we behave in this way, much like children misunderstand the depth of a parent's love.

God's love for us isn't dependent upon our ability to not sin. God's approval of us is not dependent on our perfection. (If you're a recovering perfectionist like me, you may need to repeat that sentence a few hundred times... daily). God doesn't reject sinners; He comes near to them. He takes on their flesh, enters their messy and messed up world,



and pours His very life out for them. His love for sinners is unfailing. This should give us every reason to run to Him and tell Him all about our weakness and failures, so that He can wash them away with grace. And so that He can empower us to become more like Him. I have a hunch this kind of radical confidence in God's grace and love for us will take practice to develop. So let's confess everything we possibly can this week! Let's repent of everything! Maybe then we will learn to trust His deep, abiding love for us.

Prayer Requests:

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

Needs around the GLOBE



Mennonite Central Committee MEAT CANNING

will be at the Mennonite Resource Center,
Hagey Road, Souderton
April 22-24, 2025!

Last year, MCC shipped 574,560 cans of meat around the globe, including Malawi, South Sudan, Ukraine, Zambia, and the U.S., including Puerto Rico. Time slots are available at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A-CAB2CA2F8C34-54087071-mccmeat#/>

If you'd like to volunteer time or donate money to the impactful work of this Christian relief organization, visit the link below:

Mennonite Central Committee:
<https://mcc.org/get-involved>

My Coins Count

We're collecting during Worship **THIS SUNDAY** Mar 23. The My Coins Count Project typically raises more than \$130,000 from across the state of PA. Last year \$130,918 was raised from the My Coins Count collections for MCC education projects.



Zimbabwe Missions Trip



Upcoming Fundraisers!

Love PIZZA??!

Just mention SBIC on **May 7th** between 10am & 10pm at **Broad Street Pizza** in Souderton and 10% of all purchases will be donated to the Zimbabwe Mission and Learning Trip!



Carwash FUNDRAISER

Date TBD – stay tuned for more information

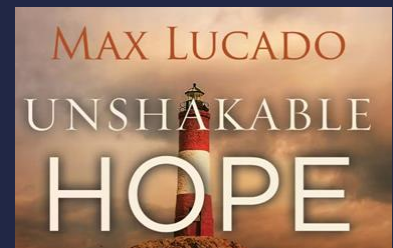
Sunday School Class

New Adult Class

Starts March 16th

Unshakable HOPE

By Max Lucado



Check out 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

Kenbrook Pantry Collections

Are you up for a “challenge”?

Help us support Kenbrook’s pantry with the following:

- 36 gallons of Bleach (sterilizing is important!)
AND
- As many containers of drink mix as possible – lemonade, pink lemonade, tea or orange drink – **no** fruit punch.

Kenbrook made **1220** gallons of drink last year!



April 5th Mini-Golf Tournament

PUSH THE ROCK

Mini-golf @ **Putt-U** in Coopersburg to benefit underserved youth in Brazil, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. Check-in begins at 9am - golfing starts at 10am. Check out the details at the link below or scan the QR code!

[Tournament Link](#)



Bridge of Hope / BuxMont *GALA*

Help end homelessness for single mothers and their children – see link below for more info:

[Raising Hope Gala 2025 | Bridge of Hope - BuxMont](#)



Raising Hope Gala

Celebrating 25 Years of God's Faithfulness!

Join us for an amazing evening including a centerpiece raffle, dinner, live auction and stories of lives transformed.

Thursday, April 10 | 6:00 PM
William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA

All proceeds benefiting single mothers and children facing homelessness in Bucks & Montgomery Counties

Calendar:

- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Wed:** 7:00 pm – Youth Group
- **Thu:** 7pm – Worship Team practice, Iglesia Cristiana Bible Study
- **Sat:** 6pm – Zimbabwe Dinner Fundraiser

Upcoming Events:

- **March 23:** My Coins Count collection during Worship
- **March 23:** Souderton Small Group @ Snyders @ 6:30pm
- **March 29:** Atlantic Conference @ Parker Ford Church, Pottstown, PA
- **April 5:** Push The Rock Mini Golf Tournament @ Putt-U
- **April 10:** Bridge of Hope *GALA*
- **April 13:** Palm Sunday & Baptisms
- **April 17:** Maundy Thursday @ Silverdale
- **April 20:** Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service @ 7am at Silverdale followed by breakfast. Worship @ 9:30 at Souderton BIC including reception of new Members.