



## 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>

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### This Sunday

*Sunday School @ 9:30am*

*Worship @ 10:30am*

*Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm*

Join the livestream for either Worship  
service at their scheduled time:  
[www.soudertonbic.org/stream](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)  
[www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic](https://www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic)

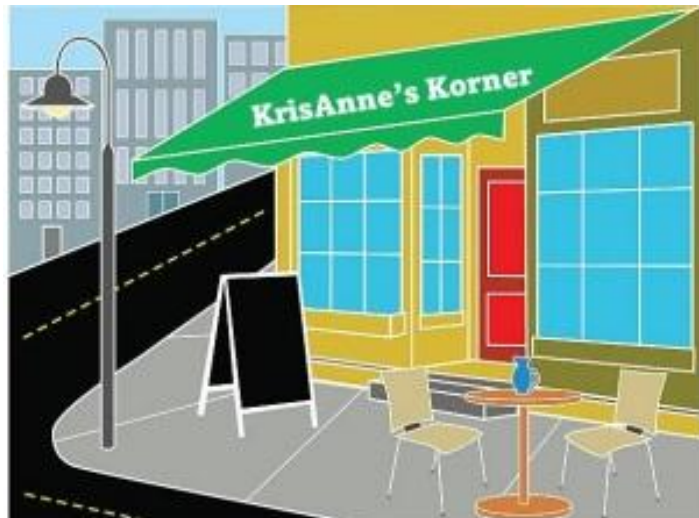
Thank you for your faithful giving!  
Give in person at the offering box, by  
mail, or at our website.

## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

"No use crying over spilled milk. You don't make something better by whining about it. Don't wallow in sadness; get on with life." I probably heard a form of all of these sayings at some point in my life. I come from a long line of stoic farmers and hard workers who endured hardship and overcame it in order to provide something better for their children and grandchildren. These folks didn't necessarily value emotional expressions of any kind, positive or negative. They valued a good work ethic, sacrificing for your family, and the strength to bear whatever life handed you.

I inherited the work ethic, but for sure I didn't inherit the stoicism of my ancestors. I tend to be a ball of emotions (some of you may have noticed this by now, haha!). I remember telling my mom once when she was chiding me about my strong feelings over something that had happened at school, "But I feel EVERYTHING, Mom! EVERYTHING!" With age and experience, I've probably tempered a little bit. I'm not quite the volatile teenager I once was, thank goodness, but I'm still a feeler. Probably always will be; it's part of how God made me.

Let me throw this provocative point out there: being a strong feeler is not a weakness. It can be if we allow our emotions to rule over us, but it can also be a strength. As I was studying the topic of lament this week (the topic for this week's sermon), I ran across this quote: *Suffering in silence is not a Biblical virtue*. Some of us may want to argue with that statement, perhaps especially European Americans. Yet nowhere in scripture does it advocate for keeping our mouths shut and "bucking up" under any circumstances.



Instead, in scripture, you'll find these ideas repeated over and over again: When you're joyful, sing to God with shouts of praise. When you're sad or afraid, cry out to God with a loud voice. When you're in need, ask God directly for His help. We are actually commanded to give voice to our emotions; not to stuff them down or ignore them or silence them. The Bible affirms emotion and encourages us to give it expression. Which is what lament is all about - giving voice to pain, sorrow, grief, despair, disappointment.

Thanks for hanging in there with me during this Lent series. We are addressing some tough themes as we journey with Jesus toward the cross. Fear not, Easter is coming! But the darkness of Good Friday is the path toward the dawn. We must walk this road first.

## Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:  
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or  
[KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org](mailto: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/10C0A45ACAB2CA2F8C34-54087071-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>

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RamPacks Food Festival - May 4<sup>th</sup>**



## Zimbabwe Missions Trip

### *Upcoming Fundraisers!*



**Love PIZZA??!**

Just mention SBIC on

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** between 10am & 10pm at **Broad Street Pizza** in Souderton and 10% of all purchases will be donated to the Zimbabwe Mission and Learning Trip!

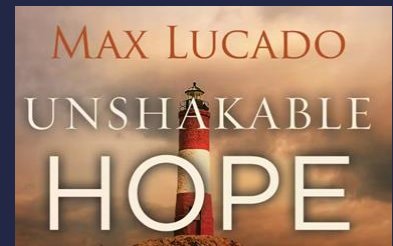


### **Carwash FUNDRAISER**

Date TBD – stay tuned for more information

## **Sunday School Class Adult Class**

**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 Collection

**Deadline is Sunday, April 27**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- **Push The Rock** Mini Golf Tournament @ Putt-U

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **April 10:** Bridge of Hope ***GALA***
- **April 13:** Palm Sunday & Baptisms
- **April 17:** Maundy Thursday @ Silverdale at 6:00pm
- **April 20:** Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service @ 7am at Silverdale followed by breakfast. Worship @ 9:30 at **Souderton BIC** including reception of new Members.
- **April 27:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration – Potluck Breakfast @ 9am. Last day for Kenbrook Pantry donations.
- **May 4:** RamPacks Food Fest @ Pennridge High School 12-4pm
- **May 7:** Broad St. Pizza Fundraiser

## April Birthdays

Sharon Eliana Nkala	1
Kayden Mthethwa	2
Thobani Nkala	6
RaeVona Fisher	11
Victor Fisher	14
Adilate Moyo	14
Jacob Snyder	16
Lori Bencsik	21
Hailey Poblano	27

## April Anniversaries

John & Sharon Bucar	10
Jerry & Elaine Rittenhouse	24
Thobani & No Nkala	30

## Missionary Happenings

Be sure to check this area to find information on the missionaries we support:

- Josue and Mercy Abreu, Spain
- Mike and Lori Cassel, Guatemala
- Kris G, Thailand
- Jason & Rebekah Oberholser and their children, New Mexico
- Francis & Audrey Sims and their children, Rwanda
- Yosuel and Jacqui Medina, Ecuador
- Tony Beers, in transition from service in Zambia