



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=NU5Ra25uWmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09>

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

This Sunday

Worship Service 9:30am

No Sunday School for the Summer

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.

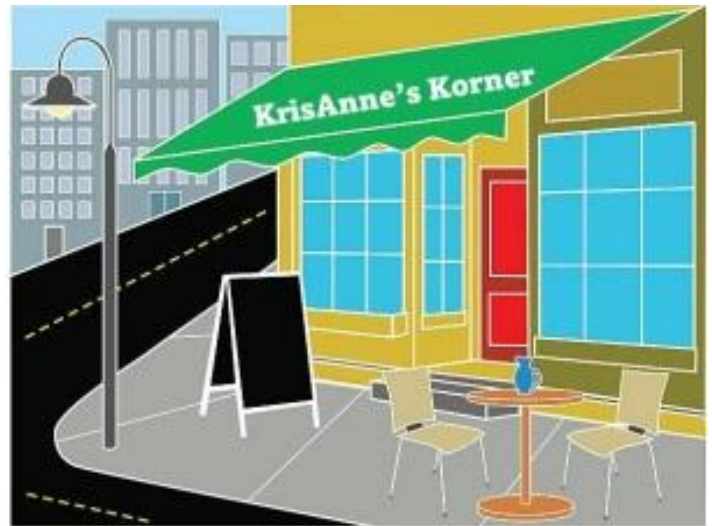
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Happy Thursday, church! I'm taking this space to summarize parts of our meeting last Sunday, where we discussed discipleship of children and youth, and multicultural discipleship. We were a small but very engaged group, and valuable insights emerged as we talked together.

Some of the biggest take-aways were that service opportunities like Sunday Serve and church workdays, provide a great time to connect across generations and cultures. There is something about working shoulder to shoulder toward a common goal, that drops barriers and creates space to talk about our lives, our interests, our faith. It's a bonding experience. There's a desire to create more of these opportunities, and even to expand them out into our neighborhoods, so that we are salt and light in the community.

At the very end of the meeting, Mike Folkerts shared something so profound from a parent's perspective, and I want to share it here. I hear and understand the anxiety around the children and youth programs at SBIC shrinking. We often think of our children and youth as the hope of the future of the church. As your pastor, I'm going to push back on that a little bit. Jesus is the future hope of our church, and as he draws people of all ages to himself, we will see our church grow. A church of Generation X and Boomers, that regularly welcomes new converts from those older generations, is as much a growing and flourishing church as one with lots of younger people. **The measure of a flourishing and healthy church, is in the spiritual growth of current disciples and welcoming new disciples of any age.** Are our children and youth important and should we intentionally and passionately invest in them? Yes, absolutely. But let's not put our hope for the future on them or any program that might attract them. Our hope belongs in one place - in Jesus himself.

Here is what Mike shared that impacted me so deeply: He said that he sees how much the relationships with adults in this congregation have formed and shaped his son's faith. Jack sees the people who show up to his basketball games. It means something to him when



adults ask about his life and interests, when they ask how they can pray for him, and when they speak about their own faith journey honestly to him. Could Mike and Robin have taken Jack to a church with a large, fancy and active youth ministry program? Yes. But the authentic, close relationships here at SBIC have impacted Jack and Jack's faith more than a large program where he might be one of 40, ever could. So my lingering question, as pastor of this congregation, is how can we do more of that? **How can we create and support opportunities for deep, authentic connections between the generations and cultures that we have right here and right now; so that we all grow as disciples of Jesus, and are open to welcoming new people of any age and any culture?**

I hope you'll join me in praying with that question, and listening for God's direction. The church board will take all the responses from the meeting (and any you send to me outside of the meeting), and discuss next steps at our June board meeting.

Next Communion: Aug 10

Prayer Requests:

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



Fiscal Year End – June 30th

KOC is working hard to raise \$50,000
All funds will go directly toward providing food, housing, and education to our neighbors in need. Thanks to compassionate donors like you, we've already made great progress.

But we're not there yet.

Your gift can help a family stay in their home, feed a child over the summer, or empower an adult to build a better future through education.

Together we can continue to provide hope and opportunity to those who need it most in our community.

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Job Opportunity **Aurora Home Care**



PT Caregiver needed in Souderton area for 29-year-old male 3:00pm – 6:30pm. Paid training, free HHA or DSP certification.

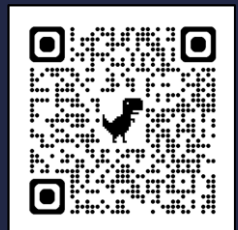
Contact Alina Polianski,
Director of ODP Department
Aurora Home Care
Office: (215) 354-4444 ext. 181

Zimbabwe Mission & Learning Trip Fundraising ***UPDATE!***

Thank you so much for your generosity and support for the team travelling to Zimbabwe July 3-14! The trip is almost fully funded. The team only needs around \$1,000 dollars yet to cover expenses. If you'd like to contribute toward this last portion of funding, checks can be made out to Souderton BIC Church (Zimbabwe trip in the memo line), or you can donate through the website (there is a drop-down box on the giving page where you can select the Zimbabwe trip). Again, your support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

**NO Sunday School
during the Summer!**
Worship Service time at
9:30am

**The Thriving Congregations
PEAK Survey
now open. Scan
the QR code OR
click the link:**



**[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/
KLGXGD3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KLGXGD3)**

Announcements

New & Returning College Student Scholarships



Applications are now available!
Pick one up at the table in the back of the
Sanctuary. Return by June 22 to Robin
Folkerts or the church office.

Don't forget to complete the PEAK
Survey (QR code is on page 3)

Community Worship – BYO lawn
chair! Canned goods & monetary offering

for Keystone
Opportunity
Center will be
collected.



**Join SBIC and local churches as we
worship in community**

June 22 at 10:00am, Souderton Boro Park
Wile Ave. Souderton, PA

**no Service at SBIC on June 22nd*

Calendar:

- **Sun:** Worship Time @ 9:30am
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm; Church Board @ 7:00pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm, ICS Bible Study @ 6pm
- **Thur:** Worship Team practice @ 7pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Jun 22:** Sunday Community Worship Service in Souderton Park @ 10am with local churches (no Worship service at SBIC, and *no picnic* after)
- **Jun 28:** Youth Group Pool Party @ Bencsik's from 4-7pm
- **Jun 29:** Baptism, Commissioning the Zimbabwe Missions & Learning team
- **Jul 3-14:** Mission & Learning team to Zimbabwe
- **Jul 6:** Guest Speaker Tony Beers
- **Jul 13:** Guest Speaker Robin Folkerts
- **Jul 27:** SBIC Worship & Picnic in the Park with Silverdale BIC @ Souderton Boro Park