



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

Worship Service 9:30am

Stay for light breakfast

& discussion after Worship

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.

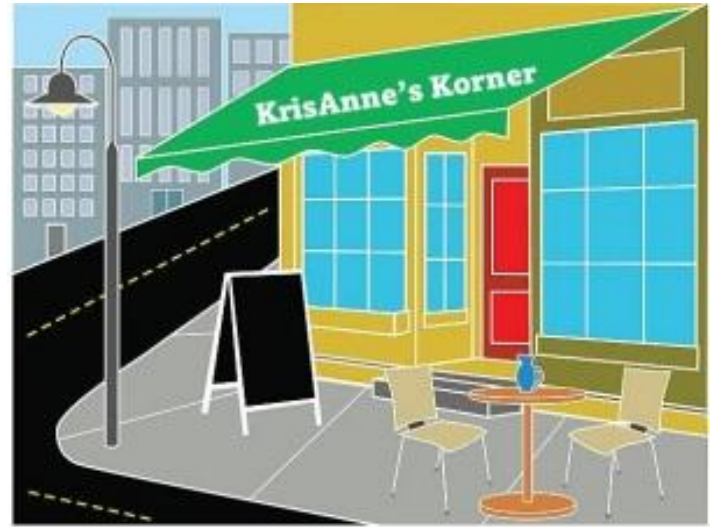
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Excuses. People can find so many excuses to avoid doing hard or scary things. I can be one of those people, if I'm honest. I have given excuses as lame as, "I'm too tired right now," to get out of weeding my garden or cleaning the bathroom. And I've avoided tough conversations with excuses like, "I don't really know what to say" and "It's not going to help anyway."

Our friend Moses offers up a number of excuses to God in this week's scripture passage (Ex. 4:1-17). They include (to paraphrase) - what if they don't believe me; I'm not a good speaker; and I'd rather you send someone else. It's not hard to imagine that he's scared. Scared of Pharaoh and his own people. Scared of the coming conflict. Scared of failing God and everyone in this very important moment.

What makes Moses stand out in this story isn't his excuses. That actually seems very normal and expected when one has been asked to confront a powerful ruler with nothing but a few words and a wooden staff in your hand, and to lead a revolution among a people you barely know because you weren't raised among them (but rather in the house of the enemy!). Moses stands out because he brought his excuses directly to God, the One who was asking so much of him.

We're told later in Exodus that God and Moses had a uniquely intimate relationship. God spoke with Moses "face to face, as one speaks to a friend" (33:11) Not employer to employee, or king to servant. Not father to child, or teacher to student. Friend to friend. Consider the real implications of that. True friends can be honest with each other minus any filters or formality. To have that kind of comfort and vulnerability with God in prayer... what an intriguing thought! And it all began here, at the burning bush, with God's call on Moses' life and Moses' excuses. The conversation wasn't all roses, either. God actually got angry with him at one point. But this conversation was just the beginning of their relationship, a relationship later described by holy scripture to be a true friendship.



Could this be an invitation to us, to not just bring our praises and requests to God, but also our excuses? When we sense God asking something of us, but we hesitate... I'm too busy, too tired, not good enough... maybe we need to say those things to God and listen for His response. It seems like maybe that could be the start of a beautiful relationship. And isn't that the point of prayer anyway, to draw closer and closer to God?

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.



RamPacks Fundraiser

Ed Bara Concert at Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church (100 Old Bethlehem Pike, Perkasio) - **June 7 @ 7pm**
Freewill offering will be accepted for RamPacks which provides meals & snacks for Pennridge school age children

Calling all MEN – This Saturday, June 7th is the **NEXT** men's group meeting with the men from Silverdale BIC will be:

- Saturday, June 7th @ 7am
- At Souderton BIC
- Light breakfast will be served

Please see Richard Alleger for more details.

Don't forget – THIS Sunday, June 8th:

Breakfast & Conversation

in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30am Worship.

Stay for a light breakfast and give input on these two questions:

*How do we want to disciple the next generation?

*How do we want to disciple people of all ages in our multicultural context?

Zimbabwe Missions Trip

*Our last **Fundraiser!***

THIS Saturday, June 7th Carwash from 9am-12:00pm at Union National Bank in Franconia on Route 113, weather permitting.

Thank you for supporting our **Fundraisers!**

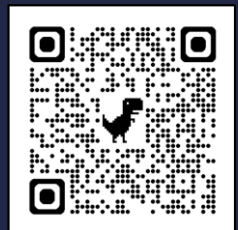


NO Sunday School during the Summer!

Worship Service time changes *to* 9:30am

The Thriving Congregations
PEAK Survey

now open. Scan the QR code OR click the link:



<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:

- **Jun 7:** Men's Breakfast meeting at Souderton @ 7am (light breakfast will be served)
- **Sun:** Worship Time @ 9:30am. Light breakfast and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following Worship
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **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:** Missions team to Zimbabwe
- **Jul 6:** Guest Speaker Tony Beers
- **Jul 13:** Guest Speaker Robin Folkerts
- **Jul 27:** SBIC Worship & Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Boro Park