



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
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This Sunday

*Worship in the Souderton Park with
Silverdale BIC @ 10:00am*

No livestream for SBIC this week

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

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

www.soudertonbic.org/stream

www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

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

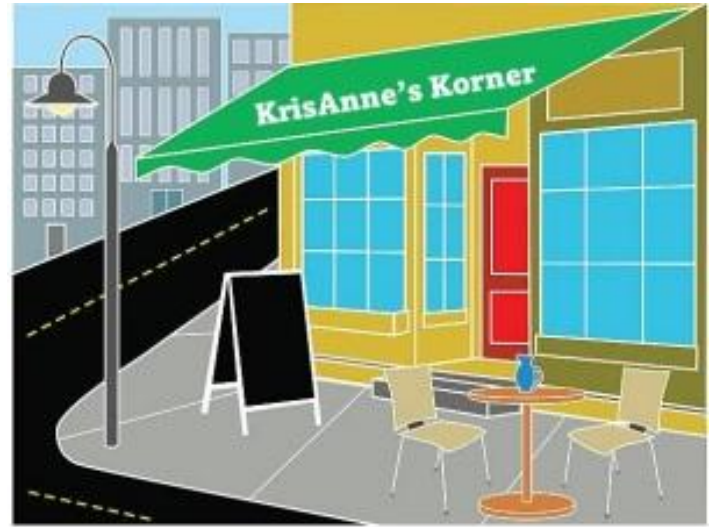
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Our text for the church picnic this Sunday are those famous verses in Matthew 5 about salt and light: *"You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world... let your light shine before people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

These are just a few of the phrases from verses 13-16. The passage as a whole is both a command and a warning.

Jesus warns his followers not to lose their saltiness and not to hide their light. Unfortunately, both are easy to do as we go through our lives day to day. It's easy to forget, in the midst of demanding jobs and long task lists, that we are called to live differently. When the world says, "me first" we are supposed to live "me last." When the world says, "bank more buck," we are supposed to look for opportunities to give sacrificially and generously. When the world would exact vengeance for wrongs, instead followers of Jesus are to offer grace and forgiveness. When the world turns to violence, we are to turn to peace building. Not lies, but truth. Not getting ahead but lifting others up. Not relying on earthly power but tuning in to spiritual power.

Sometimes in very small ways, but also in larger more obvious ways, we can easily compromise Jesus' values for worldly ones. Slowly, over time, we are prone to lose our brightness and saltiness, and our lives begin to look very much like anyone else's life. What can help us stay salty and bright? I could give you the standard Sunday School answers - prayer, Bible reading, going to church. But I've met people who have a daily prayer list, who read a devotional based on the Bible every morning and who regularly attend church; yet after talking to them, I have some questions about the salt and light of their lives. They sound more like the voices in popular media, than they do Jesus Christ. I'm not saying this to be judgmental because God knows I can also fail to be good salt and light. I'm saying this, rather, to encourage careful self-examination and discernment.



To live differently than the world - to be salty salt and bright light - is about a heart orientation more than doing things on a list. Though with the right heart orientation, prayer and Bible reading and participating in church are good and important practices that will help us follow Jesus. But first, we must examine the depths of our hearts. Are our hearts devoted to, in love with, and turned toward Jesus? Or are our hearts primarily devoted to the American dream, in love with success and pleasure, turned toward society's values of consumerism and nationalism? As we consider salt and light this Sunday, may we have the courage to examine our own hearts in the presence of Jesus. May we test ourselves for saltiness and brightness, humbly confess anything that is keeping us from the Way of Jesus, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us. Then our neighbors will see our good deeds and be drawn to our Father in heaven! That's the promise at the end of Jesus' warning, and a great promise it is!

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.

Pennridge Area Refugee Resettlement Coalition



Tax deductible donations are needed to support Kaya, Ian, and Lia from El Salvador as she pursues her GED and CNA. Make checks payable to: Perkasio Mennonite Church
Questions? Contact Jim Garcia @ 267-424-0043 or

jimg.fluteman@gmail.com



Volunteers Needed

For the annual SPORTS & MUSIC FEST! It will be held on September 20 & 21, 2025 at the property at 741 N. County Line Road, Souderton, PA. Go to sweatshirtofhope.org for volunteer information.



Join us THIS Sunday for our Combined Worship with Silverdale BIC. Zimbabwean Team will be sharing! Please bring a lawn chair, salad and dessert to share. Picnic to follow in Souderton Boro Park on Wile Ave.

In case of inclement weather, we will meet at Souderton BIC. Decision will be made by 6pm Saturday. Check your email, FB, SBIC website.

Roxbury Holiness Camp

2025 Theme:



Registration is OPEN. Please register by calling 717-347-5545 or go to: Roxburycamp.com/campmeeting and click on the register tab.

Please use one of the links below to request lodging for Camp Meeting:

[To rent any lodging click here.](#)

[For Cabin Owner registration click here.](#)

THIS Sunday Combined Worship with Silverdale BIC @ 10am

LAST chance to complete the PEAK Survey!!
Scan the QR code
OR click the link:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KLGXGD3>

Announcements

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

Flood Victims in Texas

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are on the ground in TX, focusing on three counties Kerr, Tom Green, and Travis. They continue to clear debris, remove damaged trees, assess damages, and pray with communities. How can you help? Donate, volunteer, pray!

[Donate to "2025 Texas Floods"](#)



When a HEAT Advisory is called, please contact the following –

Bucks County:

- Quakertown Masonic Lodge - 501 W. Broad Street - Quakertown, PA 18951 - 267-450-5191
- Indian Valley Public Library

Montgomery County:

- Greater Harleysville and North Penn Senior Services (GHNPS) The PEAK Center - Cooling Center

Calendar:

- **Sun:** SBIC Combined Worship & Picnic in the Park with Silverdale BIC @ Souderton Boro Park. Worship starts at 10am. The Zimbabwe Missions team will be sharing during Worship. Please bring a lawn chair, salad and dessert to share. In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 6pm on Sat. Check your email, FB, or church website.
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm, Church Board mtg @ 7pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm, ICS Bible Study @ 6pm
- Worship Team practice @ 7pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Aug 1-10:** Roxbury Holiness Camp
Missions Day is Saturday, Aug 9
- **Aug 17:** You are invited to meet with Mike Raphael (architect) in Fellowship Hall
- **Aug 24:** Guest Speaker Silk W. from Thailand