



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 @ 9:30am

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for both Worship services 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.

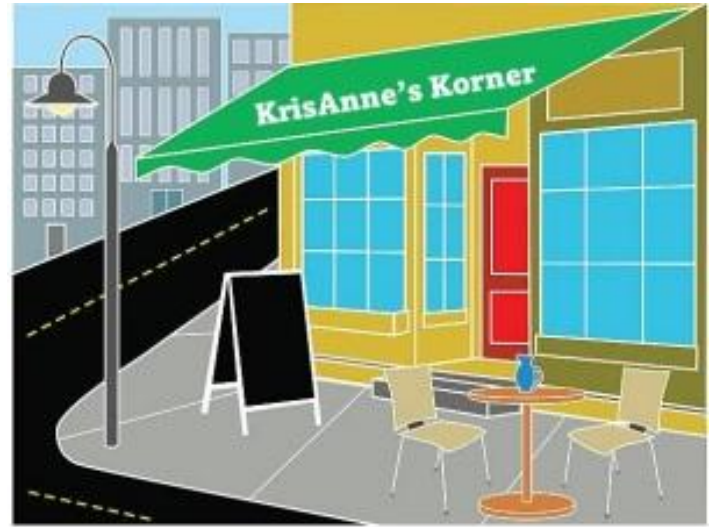
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Our Exodus story from the wilderness this week is about water and thirst, which has me reflecting on appetites. Humans have all kinds of appetites - thirst, hunger, physical intimacy. We also have appetites for competition, for winning and success, for fulfillment, wealth and happiness. We are full of desires and are often driven by them more than we realize.

The Israelites often get tunnel vision while they wander in the wilderness. All they can see, all they can think about or care about, is their thirst. Nothing else matters to them in that moment. Not all the other miracles they've witnessed, not the purpose to which God has called them, not their promised future of freedom and flourishing. Nope, in the moment, all they want is water.

Times of great change can often have this effect. It's so uncomfortable, so uncertain and unfamiliar, that all we see are the losses. All we can think about is what was good in the past and what is disappointing and painful in the present. The Israelites ask a big, important question in the wilderness, "***Is the Lord among us or not?***" In pastoral work, I hear a version of this question fairly regularly: Are we as a church going to make it? Is my child ever going to come back to the faith? Why does it feel like my life is falling apart? Has God abandoned me? Has He abandoned us?

We want answers. We want certainty. We are thirsty for things to go back to the way they were before. Sisters and brothers, even now, as uncomfortable as things may feel, in your personal life or in our congregational life, I offer you the words of Jesus: ***Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become a spring of water welling up***



to eternal life (John 4:14). May we take our thirst to Jesus and allow Him to satisfy us. In Him is all the peace, wisdom, strength, hope and truth we need to journey through the present and into the future, whatever it holds. Is the Lord among us? Indeed, He is. He has not abandoned us or forsaken us or forgotten about us; even in uncertain and discouraging times. Turn your eyes to Him. Put your hope in Him. Jesus knows what you need, and He knows what we need. He is worthy of our trust.

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

***THANK YOU* from the Sims:**

We want to thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting our family. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support have made a tangible difference in our lives and in the lives of those we serve at KICS in Rwanda. Thank you for being on our team!

With gratitude,
Francis, Audrey, Chloe, Caleb, & Seth



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.

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.](#)

Meet with the Architect

August 17th

10:45am – 12:15pm

Mike Raphael (architect) and Church Board representatives are holding two listening sessions to gather input from the congregation on possible building improvements.

If you are unable to attend on this date, a second listening session is scheduled for September 14th.

Announcements

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"](#)

Silverdale Community Day



Sept 20 from noon to 5pm

Al Reese Park, 100 W. Park Ave.
Silverdale. Rain date Oct. 4th



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:

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Aug 1-10:** Roxbury Holiness Camp Missions Day, Aug 9
- **Aug 16:** Youth Group Fire & Fun @ Swartley's 6:30-8:30pm
- **Aug 17:** #1 Listening session with Mike Raphael (architect) in Fellowship Hall 10:45am-12:15pm
- **Aug 19:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Aug 24:** Guest Speaker Silk W. from Thailand
- **Sep 7:** Sunday School resumes @ 9:30am. Meet in the Youth Room to review our Child Protection Policy
- **Sep 13:** Men's Group @ A&N diner 8am
- **Sep 14:** #2 Listening session with Mike Raphael (architect) in Fellowship Hall 10:45am-12:15pm
- **Sep 20, 21:** Sweatshirt of Hope