



## 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>

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Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra  
Contact: [iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)  
[www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic](https://www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic)

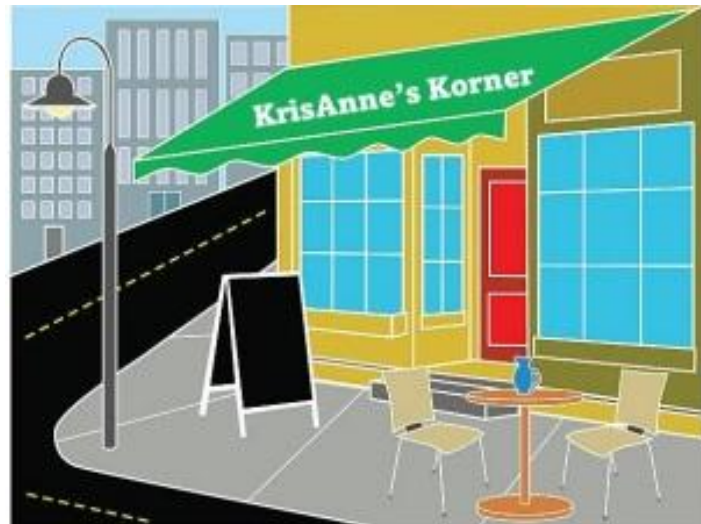
Thank you for your faithful giving! at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

At the beginning of 2025, we did a short 4-month run of small groups. It was a good start to creating deeper and more connected relationships in our congregation. It's important to keep creating opportunities for us to share our lives with each other, so we are launching small groups again this fall. I wrote the following when we put out the sign up sheets in December of last year:

**Why small groups?** I do recognize that a commitment to a small group that meets once a month, will be one more thing to add to our already busy schedules. However, there is nothing quite as impactful for discipleship and church growth, as small groups meeting regularly to share, study and pray together. This is how Jesus structured his whole ministry. Crowds followed Him, but he shared daily life with twelve. He shared even more with just three others. When he sent the disciples out to do ministry, they were sent out in pairs, to share the experience together. In my own life, I notice that the years I spent intentionally connecting with a few other believers - for ministry or simply in friendship - those years have been the most transformative of my life.

**Church growth.** Like many congregations in our community over the past decade or so, SBIC has experienced lower attendance numbers. Many of you remember the days when the pews were filled for worship and ministry programs were buzzing with activity. Many of you long for those days, but we all know it's impossible to return to the past. However, I've said this before and I'll say it again - This congregation has something very special to offer the community: the way we pray for one another and bear each other's burdens, our partnership across languages and cultures, our focus on Jesus, our love of scripture and the desire to apply it to our lives. But how do we get the word out, that this is who we are and what we have to offer? Not many people will walk into a church they have no connection to, on a Sunday morning. But if they have been invited to someone's home for conversation and prayer, and if the love and authenticity they experience there impacts them in a



positive way - maybe even makes them long for God - there is little doubt in my mind that they will show up for Sunday worship. We all have people in our lives we could reach out to in this way.

**You'll find a sign-up sheet on the back table in the church sanctuary.** Richard & Laurel Alleger will be hosting a group based around the book *If the Tomb is Empty*. There's also an option for a group based on the fall/winter sermon series which will focus on the Gospel of Mark. There are two other book options as well: one on Multicultural Church and one on Christian Family. Sign up for what grabs your interest and we will form groups accordingly (we may not launch all these groups). Small groups will run Fall - Spring, and then take a break for summer. Any questions, feel free to reach out to me!

## 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.

# Penncridge FISH

Check out what's happening at PENNRIDGE FISH in the Newsletter Link below:



<https://mailchi.mp/pennridgefish/aug-2025-newsletter-6754463>

## Meet with the Architect

**THIS Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 14<sup>th</sup>.



## 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](http://sweatshirtofhope.org) for volunteer information.

# RamPacks

## *Back-to-School Pampered Chef Fundraiser!!*

RamPacks is hosting a *Back-to-school* fundraiser with Pampered Chef! The party starts **now** and runs til Wed, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. We have our very own party page and it's already loaded with great stuff-just click the link below!

<https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/2324187.com?inviteSource=direct&t=1754955366275>

Remember – your purchases support RamPacks!

## Fall Time Change Sep 7th

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

- 9/7 @ 9:30am - Combined SS session in Youth Room to review SBIC Child Protection Policy.
- 9/14 ALL Sunday School Classes begin!  
Middle School (Grades 6-9) will meet  
**Adult Classes:**
  - 1) Romans taught by Dan Z.
  - 2) Topical study in the Youth Room

## 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. 4<sup>th</sup>



**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 @ 7pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Thur:** Worship Team practice @ 7pm

## Upcoming Events:

- **Aug 17:** #1 Listening session with Raphael Architects in Fellowship Hall 10:45am-12:15pm
- **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 10:** Youth Group @ 7pm
- **Sep 13:** Men's Group with Silverdale BIC @ A&N diner @ 8am
- **Sep 14:** #2 Listening session with Raphael Architects in Fellowship Hall 10:45am-12:15pm
- **Sep 20, 21:** Sweatshirt of Hope