



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

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for both Worship services at their scheduled time:

www.soudertonbic.org/stream

www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

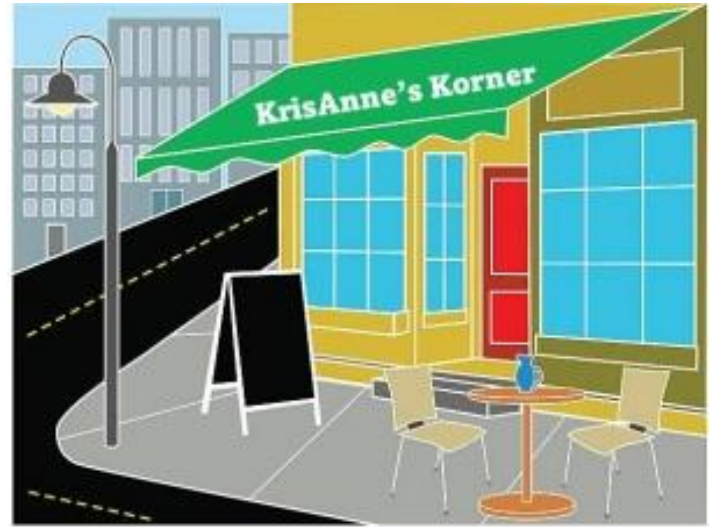
Thank you for your faithful giving! at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I was deeply moved by a story I heard on a podcast earlier this week. I was listening to "The Pastor's Table" and the hosts were interviewing a Lutheran pastor who served for about six years in Tokyo, Japan. She mentioned how very, very small the Christian community is in Japan (less than 2% of the population), and how difficult the isolation of that culture was for her and the ministry. People there are very private and do not often welcome visitors into their homes. Pastor Sarah was deeply lonely and craved gathering with her congregation. Quickly she realized that if she wanted to do anything with the ministry of the church, she had to do it on Sunday morning. People wouldn't come out at any other time.

Sarah began with a tiny congregation of less than 20 people. A few months after COVID lockdown lifted, she noticed a visitor at worship. Sarah greeted him and asked him what brought him to the service that day. He said, "The Holy Spirit told me to come." A few weeks later, this happened again. Then again the next month. And again. More and more people were showing up at her church because of dreams, visions, or just a sense that God told them to go there. Soon Sarah was baptizing new believers regularly and creating an introductory class on Christian faith for them. This story doesn't end with the church numbering into the hundreds or thousands, but by the time Sarah left for her new pastoral assignment, it was a vibrant and growing group.

One of the podcast hosts, reflecting on this story from Japan, said something along these lines - "Our congregation regularly prays for God to send us people we would never normally meet, people we couldn't reach based on our normal connections. We pray this way because it's always God that draws people to faith, not us. We can certainly invite people and share our faith with them, but the work of change is always the Holy Spirit's. Our job is to be ready to accept, love and disciple people."



Yes and Amen! Could we pray in a similar way: "*God, send us people we don't know. People we wouldn't connect with if it wasn't for Your Spirit. Send us anyone. We will be ready.*" I have started to. I invite you to join me!

If you want to listen to Sarah's story first-hand, search for **The Pastor's Table** wherever you get your podcasts. The episode title is "**Called Back by Surprise: Sarah Hinlicky Wilson on healing and pastoring in Tokyo.**"

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or

KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,

or your deacon.

Hayride & Corn Maze

R&J Farms

Wed. Oct 15th from 6:30-8:30pm



Please sign up/contact the church office if you plan on going.

\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 cap per family
We need to provide a count to R&J so let us know if you are going!!

Everence Member Appreciation

free admission to Apple Butter Frolic

Saturday, Oct 4, 10am – 4pm

To celebrate the 500-year anniversary of Anabaptism, Everence has partnered with the Mennonite Heritage Center to offer complimentary admission for registered families who use Everence services and/or products. Enjoy the 52nd Annual Apple Butter Frolic; stop by the Everence table for a free gift too!



RSVP by Monday, Sept. 29, at everence.com/souderton or call 215-703-0111. The frolic is a rain or shine event.



Volunteers Needed

For the annual SPORTS & MUSIC FEST! September 20 & 21, 2025 at 741 N. County Line Road, Souderton, PA (across from Jesse's BBQ) Go to sweatshirtofhope.org for volunteer information.

Bridge of Hope Concert

at Calvary Church

FEATURING: KATY NICHOLE

Fri, Oct 17th, 2025, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Calvary Church, Souderton, PA

All proceeds benefit **Bridge of HOPE**

All Ages

TICKETS: \$30

(save \$5 if purchased before Sept. 19!)



THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Sunday School Classes for ALL ages

Nursery available downstairs

Elementary School (K-Grade 5)

Middle School (Grades 6-9) taught by Mike Folkerts

Adult Classes:

1) A Study on the Prophets taught by Dan Z.

2) Hebrews study in the Youth Room

Announcements

Job Posting - SBIC Director of Youth & Multicultural Ministry!

Check out the requirements in the link below: <https://bicus.org/career/part-time-director-of-youth-multicultural-ministries/>

Please forward to anyone you feel is qualified for this position.

2025 Perkasio

CROP Walk for Hunger

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Begins at 12:30pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave. Perkasio

Two routes featured (5-mile and "Golden Mile")

Visit crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa or contact Nancy Buckner nbuckner@comcast.net Please make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**

ESL Classes at SBIC

Beginning September 29th, SBIC will host English classes in partnership with volunteers from Deep Run East Mennonite Church on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm.

If you are interested in assisting the teachers or helping with childcare, please let Pastor KrisAnne know.

Silverdale Community Day



Sept 20 from noon to 5pm

Al Reese Park, 100 W. Park Ave. Silverdale.

Rain date Oct. 4th

Calendar:

- **Mon:** ESL Volunteer mtg @ 6pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Ladies Precept @ 9:15am on the study of Hebrews.
Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
Youth Group @ 7-8:30pm
- **Thur:** RamPacks packing @ 1pm
- **Sat:** Church Workday @ 8am-noon
Sweatshirt of HOPE @ 9am-

Upcoming Events:

- **Sep 29:** ESL Classes @7pm – 8:30pm at SBIC start.
- **Oct 5:** Communion Sunday
- **Oct 8:** Youth Group @ 7-8:30pm
- **Oct 12:** Perkasio Crop Walk
- **Oct 15:** Hayride & Corn Maze at R&J Farms 6:30-8:30pm. \$5.00 per person, Family cap at \$20.00. Please sign up and pay the church office.