



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

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Communion

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.

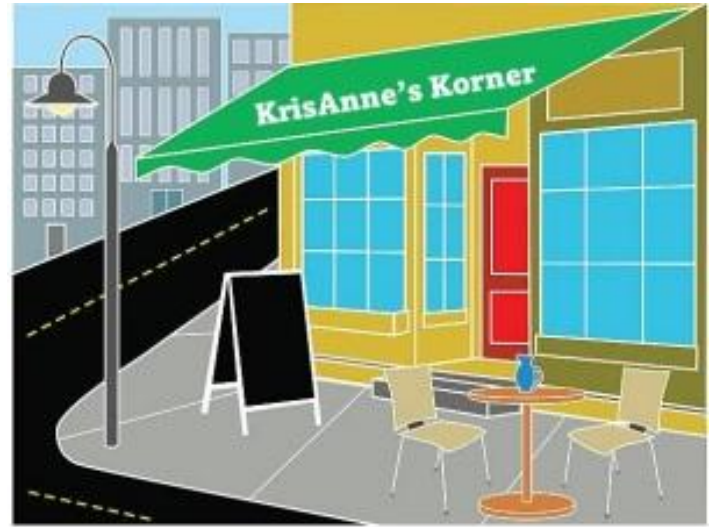
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

"I forgive you." Words heavy with meaning. These words can set the prisoner free, create a new beginning and a clean slate. In a moment, forgiveness can shut the door on the past. At the same time, these words acknowledge that a wrong has been done. If there wasn't a sin committed, forgiveness wouldn't be necessary. Some people think forgiveness is weakness, that it makes light of sin and injustice. Others see the magnitude of strength and depth of wisdom it takes to freely offer forgiveness when a person has been wronged.

I've observed that sometimes Christians struggle with our ongoing need for forgiveness. We have been forgiven already, all our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus - past, present and future. We left sin behind when we accepted His sacrifice on our behalf. Now when God looks at us, He sees His Son - pure, holy, righteous. Understandably, we want to live into that reality and not dwell on the past, on who we were without Christ.

But here's the problem: we are all still works in progress. Which means, sisters and brothers, we are still in need of forgiveness... daily. Sometimes multiple times a day. The apostle John writes to a group of believers, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9). Notice that's all written in the present tense! Forgiveness isn't once and done in the Church. It's ongoing.

Is giving and receiving forgiveness uncomfortable? Yes! We would prefer our churches be filled with people who are living rightly all the time. We don't like imperfection, conflict, or hard feelings. That's so messy and difficult. But here is some good news:



the more we practice confession and forgiveness with each other, the better we get at it. As we practice, we more quickly confess our failures. We stop trying to hide them or deny them. With practice, we are also more ready to release resentment and forgive someone, too. We don't let hard feelings build up and conflict drag on. And yet, we often prefer not to address ongoing sin in the church. I hope we can change that pattern going forward. We'll talk more about this on Sunday. See you then, family!

Communion: Oct 5

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

LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE



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!!

ESL Classes at SBIC

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



Thanksgiving / Holiday Food Bags Donations needed (see below)

Please consider donating a complete T-giving Food Bag. Questions? Contact Kyle Foster at kfoster@keystoneopp.org for more information.

1 Box Instant Mashed Potatoes	1 Box Stuffing
2 Cans Green Beans	1 Jar Applesauce
1 Jar Turkey Gravy or 1 Packet	2 Cans Corn
1 Can Cranberry Sauce	Brownie or Cookie Mix
2 <u>Cans</u> Fruit mix or Pineapple	1 Can or Pack of Ground Coffee
Iced Tea or Lemonade Mix	\$25 Gift Card to GIANT, ALDI, or WALMART for Turkey

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



THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Communion

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 Postings

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**

HARVEST FESTIVAL Oct 25th



Calendar:

- **Sun:** Communion
- **Mon:** ESL Classes @ 7:00-8:30pm
- **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

Upcoming Events:

- **Oct 12:** Perkasio Crop Walk
- **Oct 13:** ESL Classes @ 7pm – 8:30pm at SBIC
- **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.
- **Oct 21:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Oct 22:** Youth Group @ 7-8:30pm
- **Oct 25:** Harvest Festival @ Blooming Glen Mennonite Church