



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

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm

Join the livestream for either 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.

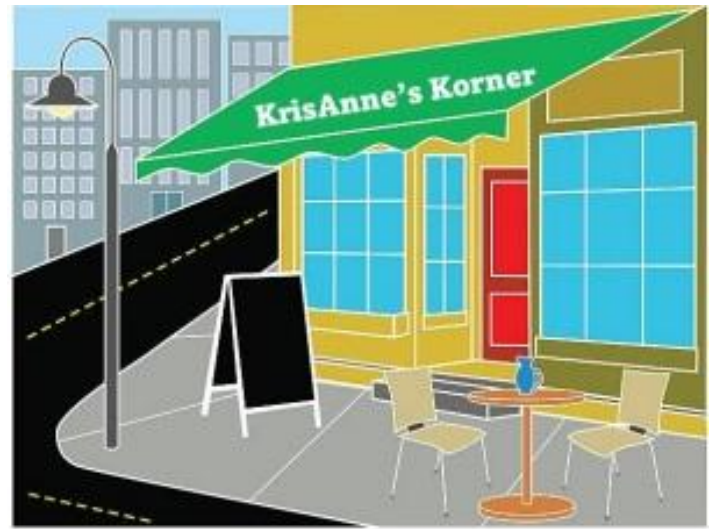
Dear congregation,

An acorn, a tomato, an apple. One is a nut, one a vegetable and one a fruit (well, some would argue tomato is technically a fruit, and they would be right, though I would never suggest putting it in a fruit salad). They are very different things, and yet each of them contains multitudes... the potential for hundreds or thousands more of its kind.

If an acorn is lucky enough to escape the appetite of squirrels and deer, and grows into a mature tree, it can produce thousands more acorns. One tomato contains dozens of seeds with the potential to produce hundreds more tomatoes. The same is true of an apple. In God's creation, small things produce a great harvest. That's certainly not our natural way of thinking. In my mind, something small can grow into something medium, which can eventually grow into a large thing and then potentially get even larger. But a small thing has very little hope of producing huge numerical results. It simply doesn't have the capacity for that.

In our journey through the Gospel of Mark, we have come to a portion where Jesus is teaching through parables. This Sunday, we will look specifically at the parable about the farmer, the seed and the soils. For many, this will be a familiar passage, no surprises here. But hopefully we will make some connections to other sayings of Jesus and scriptures throughout the Bible that will open up a depth to the parable that you may not have been aware of before.

For example, elsewhere in the Gospels, as Jesus is preparing the disciples for his departure - his death, resurrection and ascension - he says, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it



remains only a single seed; but if it dies, it produces many seeds." Ah, there it is - within the small is an exponential harvest! But only if it dies can it produce that great harvest. Yikes. That's not a pleasant thought, and once again, it's not our natural way of thinking. In order to reproduce, something must be viable, right? It needs to be working and functioning. A dead thing is pretty much useless. So what could this possibly mean for us, as we strive to follow Jesus? Is there blessing hidden within smallness, within fragility and mortality? Come Sunday to hear more!

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,
or your deacon.

SNAP Benefits??

Did you know?

Bucks County: Approximately 47,000 residents rely on SNAP.

Montgomery County: Around 68,000 residents rely on SNAP.

How you can help bridge the GAP:

Purchase a gift card at Aldi, Landis, Giant

Drop it off at:

Bridge of HOPE BuxMont,

105 W Chestnut St, Souderton, PA

Keystone Opportunity Center:

104 N. Main St. Souderton, PA or make checks payable to: *Keystone Opportunity Center* with *Food Bank* in memo line.

Penridge F.I.S.H.: 800 W. Chestnut St. Perkasie, PA.



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Christmas donations for Wanezi BIC Mission



Help us raise money and fill 3 shipping drums for the Wanezi Mission in Zimbabwe! We want to raise \$5,000 for 20 mattresses and sheets for the labor and delivery department. Also, we're collecting to ship the following donations: soccer equipment (cleats sizes 2-6, soccer balls sizes 4 & 5, baby supplies, and school supplies. See the complete list of items located at the table at the top of the stairs. *Monetary donations can be made through the Church website online giving. Choose "Wanezi Christmas" from the drop-down menu.*

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 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.



Thanksgiving / Holiday Food Bags **Donations needed**

Please consider donating a complete Thanksgiving Food Bag or a \$25 gift card to GIANT, ALDI, or WALMART to help provide a turkey for each family. Questions? Contact Kyle Foster at kfoster@keystoneopp.org for more information.

Additionally, with the current states of the State and Federal budgets, food insecurity is set to increase exponentially throughout the region. Please consider giving a donation:

<https://keystoneopportunity.org/want/>

Momentum Youth Retreat

| *Made in His Image*



Date: November 14-16, 2025

Location: Kenbrook Bible Camp

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited for the Atlantic conference retreat Nov 14-16. Cost \$149 / youth covers food, lodging and all of the activities.

Calendar:

- **Mon:** ESL Classes @ 7:00-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Thur:** Worship Team practice @ 7pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Nov 18:** Church Board mtg @ 7pm.
- **Nov 19:** Youth Group @ 7-8:30pm
- **Nov 24:** No ESL class
- **Dec 1:** ESL Class 7-8:30pm
- **Dec 3:** Youth Group **Christmas Party** 7-8:30pm
- **Dec 15:** ESL **Christmas Program** & Potluck @ 6:30-8:30pm
- **Dec 16:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm