



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*

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.

Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

This Christmas season, I've been thinking a lot about one of the names scripture gives to Jesus: Immanuel. God with us. Human experience and emotions are many and varied. In any year, we experience joyful highs and agonizing lows; periods of time that demand extraordinary energy and stretches of time when we're in a calm routine. Life tugs and pulls at us relentlessly, and we never know what to expect next.

And yet.... Immanuel - God with us. When parenting or grandparenting feels especially difficult - God is with us. When caring for our parents causes us great grief - God is with us. Through loss and stress and exhaustion - God is with us. Through victory and success and fulfillment - God is with us. In suffering, in fear, in confusion, in pain - God is with us.

This is not a Christmas song, but it is one of my very favorites to belt out at the top of my lungs in the car, and it perfectly expresses the beauty of this Christmas truth - Immanuel has come. He is with us:

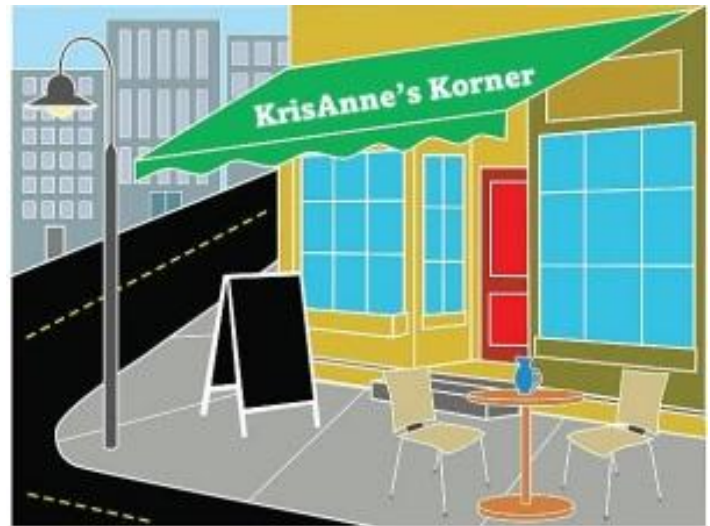
Hills and Valleys -Tauren Wells, 2017

I've walked among the shadows
You wiped my tears away
And I've felt the pain of heartbreak
And I've seen the brighter days
And I've prayed prayers to heaven from my lowest place
And I have held the blessings
God, You give and take away

No matter what I have, Your grace is enough
No matter where I am, I'm standing in Your love

On the mountains, I will bow my life
To the One who set me there
In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the One who sees me there
When I'm standing on the mountain, I didn't get there on my own
When I'm walking through the valley I know I am not alone
You're God of the hills and valleys
Hills and valleys
God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone

I've watched my dreams get broken
In You, I hope again
No matter what, I know I'm safe inside Your hand



Father, You give and take away
Every joy and every pain
Through it all, You will remain
Over it all

On the mountains, I will bow my life
To the One who set me there
In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the One who sees me there
When I'm standing on the mountain, I didn't get there on my own
When I'm walking through the valley I know I am not alone
You're God of the hills and valleys
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God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone

May you feel the very real presence of Immanuel this season, and may His presence fill you with joy and hope, even through all the hills and valleys. You are loved!

4th Sunday of Advent

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.

Christmas donations for Wanezi BIC Mission

Deadline for donations is NEXT Sunday, Dec 28th.

We are well on the way of meeting our goal to ship 3 drums for the Wanezi Mission in Zimbabwe!

We want to raise \$5,000 for 20 mattresses and sheets for the labor and delivery department. The deadline is fast approaching to ship to Zimbabwe. 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.

RamPacks Updates

February Food Drive

RamPacks will be collecting donations from Feb 4-25th for the Love Food Drive. A bin is available at near the main entrance.

If you would be willing to volunteer to collect and sort on **Wednesday, Feb 25th**, please let Laurel or the church office know.

THANK YOU to the many volunteers who pack and deliver food every week!

We are still **SEARCHING** for a **BUILDING** where we can consolidate our three locations into **ONE** central **LOCATION!** Please reach out if you have **any** ideas.

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



Holiday Food Bags Donations needed

Please consider donating a complete Holiday 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/>



ESL needs Safety Volunteers to serve in the parking lot before & after class.

Can't help Monday nights??

Volunteers are needed to organize donations of clothing, toys and food items anytime during the week. Contact Mike Folkerts or Laurel Alleger if you have flexible time and can help.

Calendar:

- *If you haven't completed a Nomination form, please do so by **THIS Sunday, December 21st!*** Forms are available at the table in the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Mon 22:** NO ESL classes
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Dec 28:** Combined Meal & Worship with ICS. 11:30am meal, 1:00pm service. No Sunday School. Please bring a salad or dessert.
- **Dec 29:** NO ESL classes; classes resume **Jan 5th**
- **Jan 11:** Missions Guest Speaker: Jonathan Lloyd