



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.

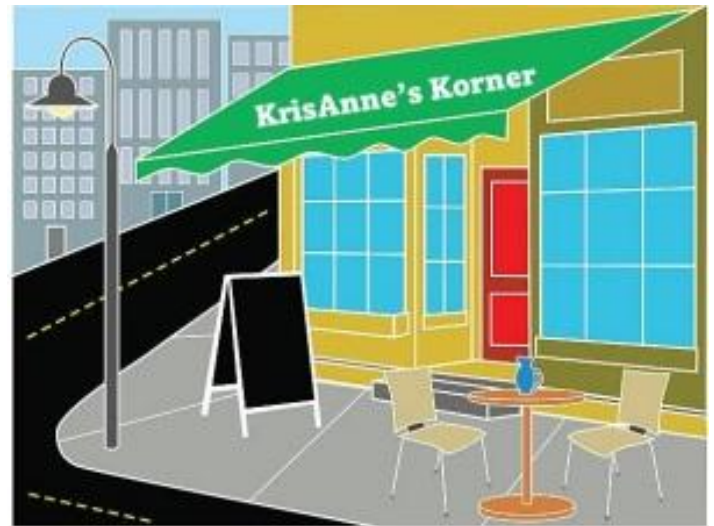
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

We are a few days into December and holiday cheer is everywhere! Specialty coffee drinks, baked treats and twinkle lights invite us remember what is good about this season. It's been a difficult year for many people we love, for our neighbors, even globally. In the midst of all the tension and struggle, I am basking in these reminders of light, hope and peace.

One especially hopeful and joyful thing I'm carrying in my heart these days is the loving community developing through our ESL ministry. Last Monday, we unloaded and organized a huge donation of fresh food from Whole Foods, for families to take home. This was in addition to the clothing and toys that have been coming in from ESL volunteers and their neighbors and families. As winter cold descends and food assistance programs are still underfunded or stalled - it's been especially meaningful to be able to share what we can with our immigrant neighbors.

Our ESL ministry is planning a special Christmas celebration for Monday, December 15 (6:30-8:30pm). I want to extend a special invitation to all of you, to come and experience for yourself the power and love of this ministry. We will start with a program in the sanctuary and then enjoy a potluck meal in the fellowship hall - we expect to need to set up some tables in the lower lobby and maybe even the youth room to accommodate everyone, but this is such a good problem to have!

During the program, we will sing carols and hear the Christmas story read aloud, as the



ESL children build the nativity scene up on the stage. We'll end with candle lighting. At the potluck meal, we anticipate enjoying foods from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Colombia, Angola, Haiti and more! I truly hope many of you are able to take part in what I know will be a beautiful evening filled with the Good News of Jesus and a crowd of people from many places around the world, all who are made in the image of God and deeply loved by Him.

2nd 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

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 ***and we are half-way there!***

Also, we're collecting the following donations: soccer equipment (cleats sizes 2-6, soccer balls sizes 4 & 5, baby supplies, and school supplies 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.*

Youth Christmas Party

Pizza, games, & cookies!



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:

- **Mon:** ESL Class 7-8:30pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Remember to return your Nomination forms by *Sunday, December 14th*!** Forms are available at the table in the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Dec 15:** ESL **Christmas Program & Potluck @ 6:30-8:30pm**
- **Dec 16:** Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- **Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm
- **Dec 28:** Combined Meal & Worship with ICS. 11:30am meal, 1:00pm service. No Sunday School.
- **Feb 1:** Annual Business Meeting