



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

No Sunday School

*Outdoor Combined Worship with
Silverdale BIC @ 10 am
Al Reese Park, Silverdale*

Iglesia Cristiana Worship 1:00pm

Join the livestream for ICS Worship
service (only) 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

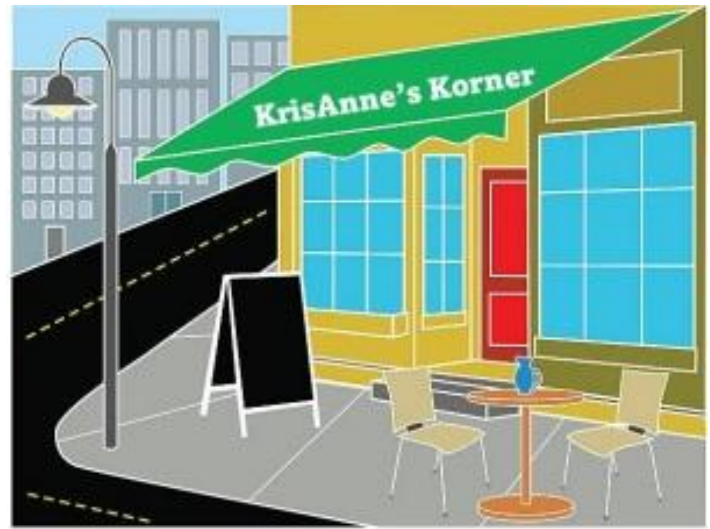
As we anticipate gathering outside this Sunday with our sister congregation, Silverdale (thank goodness it looks like the weather is going to be beautiful!!), I thought of a book I read a long time ago, by Barbara Brown Taylor titled An Altar in the World. She writes about worshipping the Lord of creation in creation, and how that draws her closer to the heart of God.

Here is a particularly meaningful passage she writes about Jacob meeting God in the wilderness, while he slept with a rock as his pillow (pp. 2-3):

The first time I read Jacob's story in the Bible, I knew the truth of it. Here he was, still a young man, running away from home because his family had finally imploded. His father was dying. He and his twin brother, Esau, were fighting. With little more than the clothes on his back, Jacob left. When he had walked as far as he could, he looked around for a stone he could use for a pillow. When he had found one the right size, Jacob put his cheek against the stone that was still warm from the sun.

And then he dreamed: a ladder set up on the earth, with the top of it reaching to heaven and the angels of God ascending and descending it like bright-winged ants. All of a sudden, God was there beside Jacob, without a single trumpet for warning, promising him safety, children and land. "Remember, I am with you," God said to him, "I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Jacob woke while God's breath was still stirring the air. He looked around and all he saw was the same wilderness, rocks and sand that he saw before. Yet he knew everything was different. "Surely the lord is in this place! How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God, the gate of heaven!"

As we gather in nature this Sunday, my prayer is that we also encounter God. Maybe it won't be quite as dramatic as Jacob's dream, but perhaps our hearts and souls will recognize God's awesome Presence in the beautiful creation He has made, in the faces of our



neighbors and friends, in the melody of song and the sharing of testimonies. Jacob left that place where he met God, changed. I pray we will also leave our gathering changed: hopeful, peaceful, challenged, encouraged, stirred up by the power of the Good News of Jesus. See you Sunday!

Outdoor Worship with Silverdale at 10am Picnic following Worship

Prayer Requests:

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

RamPacks

Need anything from Pampered Chef? Donna Huff (founder of RamPacks) is hosting a virtual party and would love for you to join her. Pampered Chef is offering **DOUBLE DONATIONS** to nonprofits during the month of August.

Click the link below to watch a few videos and shop:

[RamPacks Pampered Chef](#)

Keystone Opportunity Center

Needs Pantry Items



FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Keystone Opportunity Center

AMAZON WISHLIST:



DONATE IN BACK OF BUILDING
MONDAYS - 9AM TO 4PM
TUES - THURS 2PM TO 4PM
FRIDAYS - CLOSED
104 N. MAIN STREET, SOUDERTON

- Long pasta
- Tomato sauce
- Canned beef soup
- Grape jelly
- Apple sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Brownie/cake mix
- Paper products
- Feminine care
- Canned pineapple

Youth Group Summer Activity #3

Service Project at MRC



Packing kits and tour of MRC
August 6, 2026
Thanks to all who volunteered!

Child Protection Policy review
on Sept 6th @ 9:30am
Sunday School classes resume
Sep 13th @ 9:30am

THIS Sunday
Outdoor Worship @ 10:00am
Picnic to follow Worship

Announcements

ESL Summer Connects August dates

Have extra vegetables this Summer?
Please donate them to our ESL Summer
Connects nights.

Backpacks will be distributed
on August 17th
at Summer Connects 7-8pm
No classes, just fun!



Sunday, August 30

Plan on staying after Worship for a
meal and discussion on Volunteering
and Leadership as part of Thriving
Congregations.



Calendar:

- **Sun:** Combined Outdoor Worship with Silverdale BIC at 10:00am; Picnic to follow. Please bring a lawn chair, side dish and dessert to share.
- **Mon:** ESL Summer Connects and Backpack distribution 7-8pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **Aug 30:** Fellowship meal & discussion about Leadership after Worship
- **Sep 6:** Child Protection Policy during Sunday School hour (9:30am); children's classes will meet at 9:30am
- **Sep 13:** Guest Speaker Kris G.
- **Sep 21:** ESL Fall Class Registration @ 7pm